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IMPORTANT NOTES: PLEASE READ!

- ◆ Most permanency measures are calculated based upon the population of children in care for more than 60 days to more clearly depict the status of children for whom the administration is actively conducting permanency planning and to assist CA staff in better focusing on permanency outcomes. 60 days was the chosen "cut off" point because children who stay in care at least 60 days are likely to remain in care much longer, (60-75% will still be in care one year later) and a permanency plan must be completed at this point. There is important up-front work occurring within the administration, reflected by the decreasing number of children who are placed for less than 60 days. If children who experience short-term placements were included in the permanency measures, it would inaccurately skew the understanding of permanency work being accomplished with children who are in placement for much longer periods of time. *If utilizing this data outside of the Children's Administration, please remember that some issues relate to **all** children in out-of-home care and the corresponding analysis would require the **inclusion** of children placed for periods of less than 60 days.*
- ◆ In an attempt to make this report more readable, an effort has been made to produce trend lines that are distinguishable from one another. This report has also been revised so that the state and all regions are represented by the colors and symbols indicated to the right. These colors will remain consistent and every effort will be made to refrain from using them to represent any other data field.
- ◆ Permanency measures are now determined using a new method of correcting placement episode records for incorrectly documented in-home dependencies. The trends were calculated in September 2001.

	State
	Region 1
	Region 2
	Region 3
	Region 4
	Region 5
	Region 6
	Federal Standard
	Additional Trend
	Additional Trend

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Selected trend analyses and other highlights for this month

- This report features updates to the following measures in the trend report: pages of this report. 11, 12, 13, 27, 28, 29, and in the Supporting Trends Report pages 4 and 6.
- While early indicators showed that the state was on target to meet the year end goal with reference to permanency counts, fiscal quarter roll-ups allowing for data lag show that not to be the case. Permanency plan completions for all types of permanency appear to be low. (pages 11-13)
- Foster home and minority foster home counts have decreased since the end of Fiscal Year 2003. (pages 27-28)
- The number of newly licensed homes continues to decline. (page 29)

OUTCOME MEASURES SUMMARY

Federal Child & Family Services Review Measures

Data Indicators that will be used as elements in the upcoming Federal review of State practice

Measure	Reporting Period	Region						State
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Recurrence of Maltreatment (p. 7)	Previous FY	8.0%	11.1%	12.2%	9.5%	8.2%	10.4%	10.0%
	Most Recent	7.3%	11.1%	13.1%	8.7%	7.1%	7.6%	9.0%
	Target							≤ 6.1%
Incidence of CA/N in Foster Care*	Previous FY	0.27%	0.67%	0.54%	0.83%	1.29%	0.78%	0.78%
	Most Recent							
	Target							≤ 0.57%
Foster Care Re-Entry (p. 18)	Previous FY	15.0%	17.1%	11.7%	15.9%	16.2%	16.1%	15.5%
	Most Recent	9.40%	15.0%	8.40%	14.4%	16.3%	17.2%	13.9%
	Target							≤ 8.6%
Stability of Placements** (p. 16)	Previous FY	91.0%	82.0%	76.0%	84.5%	88.1%	87.8%	85.5%
	Most Recent	91.5%	87.1%	82.3%	86.0%	88.8%	88.4%	87.6%
	Target							≥ 86.7%
Time to Reunification (p. 15)	Previous FY	84.8%	91.2%	80.6%	81.8%	86.7%	83.3%	84.8%
	Most Recent	82.1%	83.8%	73.8%	81.9%	78.7%	84.2%	81.3%
	Target							≥ 76.2%
Time to Adoption (p. 14)	Previous FY	38.9%	24.6%	16.5%	12.4%	25.5%	37.3%	25.3%
	Most Recent	41.2%	50.0%	34.5%	26.2%	28.3%	15.7%	30.3%
	Target							≥ 32.0%

* Most Recent values measured each quarter, estimated on an annualized basis as four times the quarterly count of founded child victims divided by the number of children in foster care for any length of stay during the quarter.

** Due to measure cohort design, Most Recent figures will be lower than annualized (FY) figures; see p. 25 for details.



Indicates numbers, proportions or percentages that fail to meet established performance standards.

Indicates numbers, proportions or percentages that meet or better established performance standards.

Indicates numbers, proportions or percentages that are within 5% of meeting established goal.

Indicates that numbers, proportions or percentages are on target to meet the established goal by the Fiscal Year target date when considered within a given time period. Example: If the adoption target is 1,200 by end of fiscal year, it can be inferred that the total number achieved each quarter would be 300 to be on target.

Outcome Measures Summary

Governor and Secretary Contract Measures

Measure	Reporting Period	Region						State
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Timely CPS Investigations (p. 9)	Previous FY	90%	90%	73%	90%	99%	83%	87%
	Most Recent	71.6%	94.3%	74.3%	74.9%	84.0%	82.6%	79.7%
	Target							≥ 90%
Cases Staffed with CPT's (p. 8)	Previous FY	221	184	275	127	155	337	1,299
	FY to date*	251	195	216	136	176	255	1,229
	Target	248	125	188	181	218	295	1,255
* Reported as the cumulative average of all reporting periods to date								
Number of Adoptions (pp. 12-13)	Previous FY	124	61	210	209	216	233	1,053
	FY to date	100	51	87	110	137	113	598
	Target	248	125	188	181	218	295	1,255
Ages 0-3 TPR to Perm., Minority (p. 20)	Previous FY	5	6	13	50	36	2	112
	Most Recent	10	9	16	51	29	11	126
	Target	≤4	≤5	≤12	≤45	≤32	≤2	≤100
Ages 0-3 TPR to Perm, Caucasian (p. 20)	Previous FY	18	7	11	18	20	12	86
	Most Recent	19	4	21	16	21	8	89
	Target	≤16	≤6	≤10	≤16	≤18	≤11	≤77
All Children in care > 2 years (p. 17)	Previous FY	417	288	359	876	556	442	2,938
	Most Recent	351	282	386	748	563	387	2,717
	Target	≤409	≤282	≤352	≤858	≤545	≤433	≤2,879
African Am. in care > 2 years (p. 19)	Previous FY	44	15	36	395	148	23	661
	Most Recent	17	11	43	309	170	23	573
	Target	≤42	≤14	≤35	≤391	≤146	≤22	≤654
Educational program (p. 25)	CY 99	71%	93%	83%	61%	71%	82%	70%
	Most Recent							
	Target							≥78%
Independent Living Services (p. 26)	Previous FFY	9% (44)	28% (113)	28% (103)	12% (85)	16% (114)	25% (166)	19% (624)
	Most Recent							
	Target	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Social Worker Visits w/ Child (p. 23)	Previous FY	95.7%	85.5%	85.2%	99.5%	91.7%	98.0%	93.4%
	Most Recent							
	Target							≥ 95%
Licensed Foster Homes (Total) (p. 28)	Previous FY	855	781	911	1,195	1,166	1,306	6,214
	Most Recent	904	696	916	1,185	1,146	1,313	6,160
	Target	≥ 889	≥ 812	≥ 947	≥ 1,243	≥ 1,213	≥ 1,358	≥ 6,463
Minority Foster Homes (Total) (p. 27)	Previous FY	163	246	136	475	370	202	1,592
	Most Recent	156	217	146	470	360	212	1,561
	Target							≥1,740
Newly Licensed Foster Homes (Total) (p. 29)	Previous FY	171	172	200	251	255	289	1,338
	FY to date**	94	67	120	99	140	152	6,72
	Target							≥1,440
** Reported as the cumulative count for the current fiscal year								
Foster Licenses Pending > 90 days (p. 30)	Previous FY	42.0%	36.5%	40.5%	31.9%	28.6%	42.3%	36.9%
	Most Recent	49.5%	60.6%	61.9%	60.8%	42.3%	49.3%	53.4%
	Target							≤ 35%

Outcome Measures Summary

Assistant Secretary Contract Measures

Measure	Reporting Period	Region						State
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
Timely DLR Investigations (p. 10)	Previous FY	100%	96%	99%	96%	93%	89%	95
	Most Recent Sep-Dec 02	100%	100%	90.6%	87.8%	96.6%	92.1%	93.8%
	Target							≥ 90%
Chronically Referring Families (p. 6)	Previous FY	20.5%	22.4%	16.3%	15.2%	17.4%	19.1%	18.1%
	Most Recent	23.0%	21.6%	18.4%	10.0%	20.2%	19.6%	18.4%
	Target							reduce
Permanent Plan Completion (p. 11)	FY02 Total	476	348	539	732	609	828	3,532
	FY04 to date	293	199	279	325	265	360	1,721
	Target	500	365	566	769	639	869	3,709
Placement with Relatives (p. 21)	Previous FY	36.3%	31.8%	34.8%	35.8%	29.1%	28.7%	31.7%
	Most Recent	34.0%	34.8%	40.7%	34.9%	33.8%	27.2%	34.1%
	Target	34.7%	34.7%	34.8%	35.8%	34.7%	34.7%	34.7%
Caregiver – Child Visitation (p. 22)	Previous FY	93.9%	90.7%	92.1%	98.6%	85.1%	95.5%	92.9%
	Most Recent							
	Target							≥ 95.0%

* Cumulative count for current fiscal year. Data lag may alter this number slightly in coming reports.

** N/R indicates none reported for the most recent reporting period

^ Fiscal year total. Data lag may alter this number slightly in future reports.

TBD To Be Determined

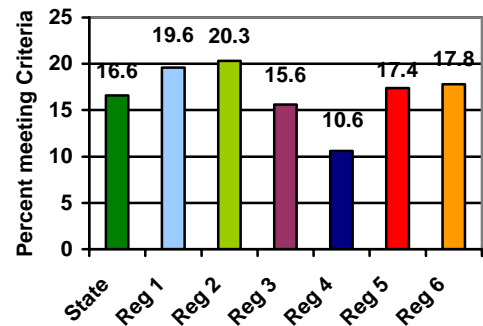
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Chronically Referring Families

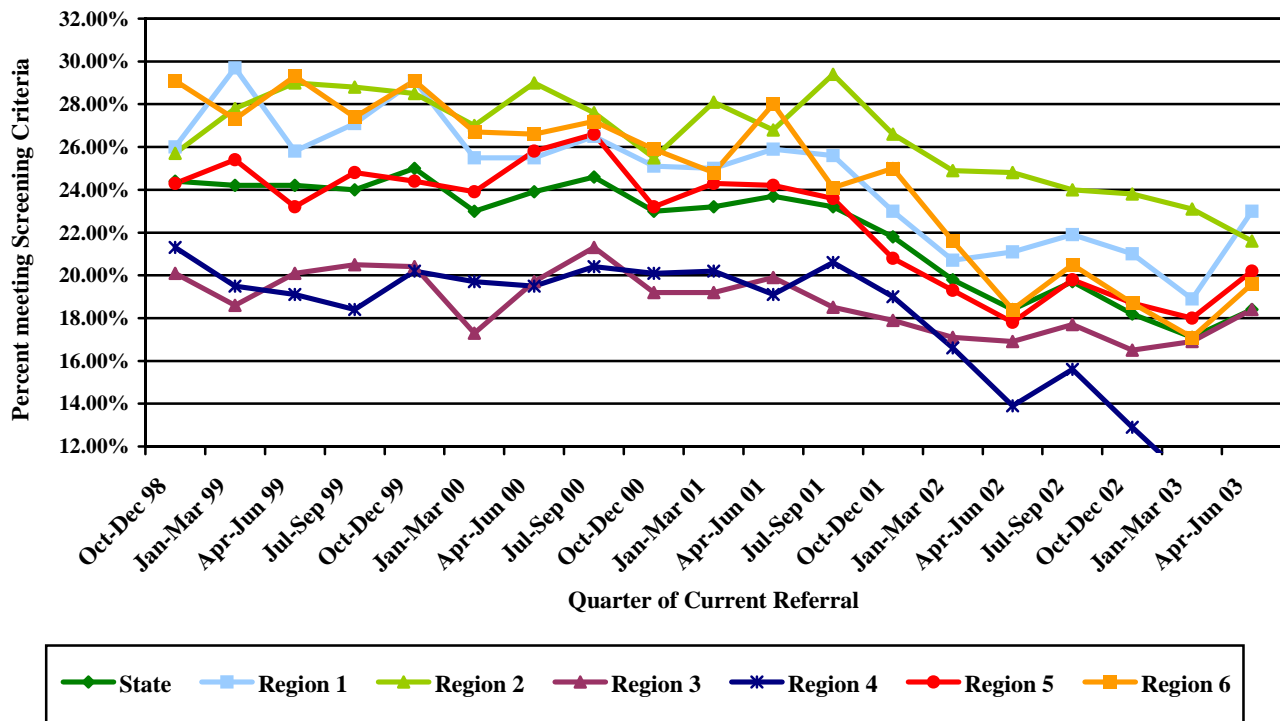
Proportion of families meeting one or more of the criteria for the Kids Come First chronic screener

Trend Analysis: The state and all regions have demonstrated a decrease in the numbers of families meeting Kids Come First chronic screener criteria: A trend, which commenced at the beginning of FY02. The data for the most recent reporting period shows an increase in chronicity for the state and all regions with the exception of regions 2 and 4.

Regional Performance, FY 2003



State and Regional Trends



Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Quarterly cohort of all accepted and alternative response referrals to CPS for each unique family case ID number. Past records are checked to see what proportion of this cohort have prior referrals in CAMIS that were received on the same case ID number more than ten days but less than three years before the received date of the initial referral. Referrals must be received more than ten days apart to be counted as separate referrals. Criteria for identification of families as "chronic": 3 or more referrals in the past 12 months, or 4 or more referrals in the past 2 years, or 5 or more referrals in the past 3 years; or two or more sexual or physical abuse allegations at investigation in the past six CPS referrals; or two or more founded allegations in the past six CPS referrals; or rated at moderately high or high risk for either one of young, vulnerable or developmentally disabled child, AND for caregiver's history of CA/N as a child, in any of the past six CPS referrals; or a biological mother under 21 years of age at the time of her first referral as the biological mother, or a primary caregiver rated at moderately high or high risk for caregiver impairments, for families referred two or more times to CPS. These criteria were developed as a part of the Kids Come First initiative. Because of the additional criteria, the overall percentage of families identified as "chronic" is higher than in the previously reported multiple referrals measure.

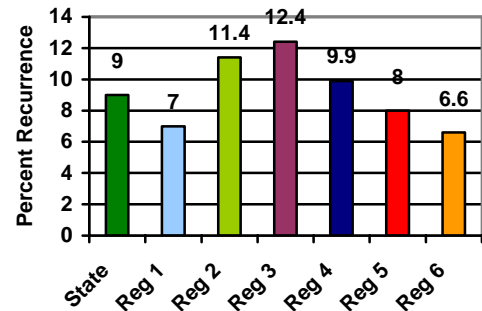
Safety: Reduce Recurrence of Maltreatment

Victim Recurrence

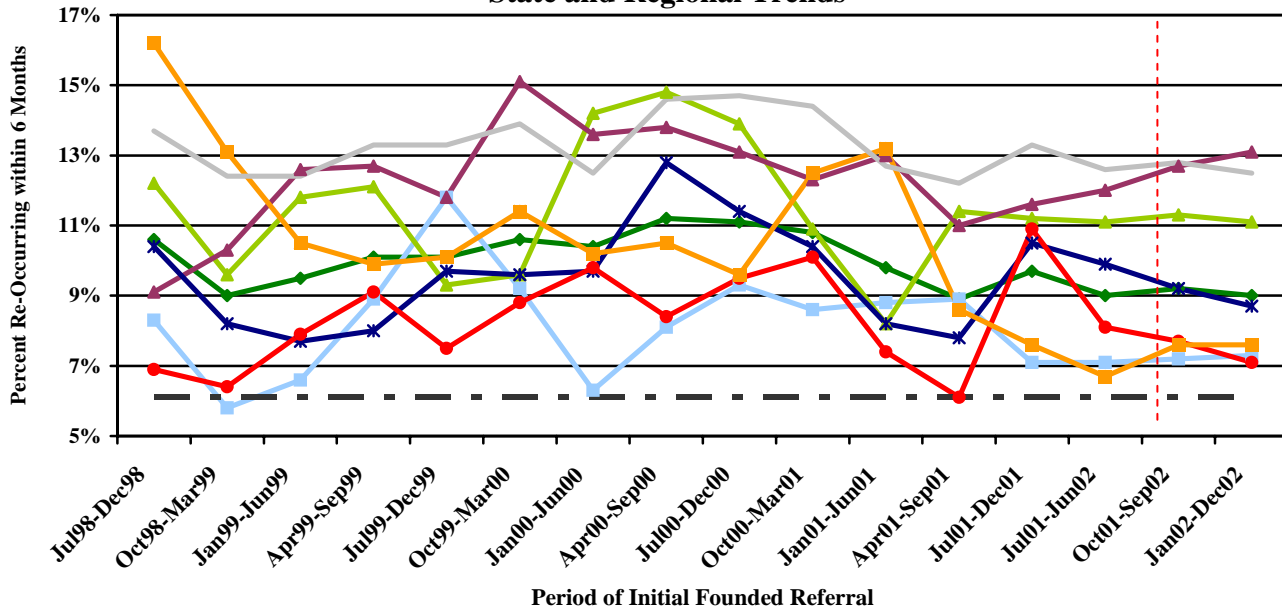
Percent of CA/N victims who had another substantiated or indicated report within 6 months

Trend Analysis: The state and Regions 1 and 3 demonstrated an increase while the remaining regions showed a decrease or leveling off of victim recurrence for the most recent reporting period. This measure is now reported on a "rolling year" basis with each data point representing a year of data collection with reference to this measure. This new reporting method also allows for documentation delays and data lag. While the state and all regions showed a leveling off or decrease in the recurrence rate for FY 2002, no region met the target.

Regional Performance, FY2002



State and Regional Trends



Effective start of Fiscal Year 2003, this measure is reported on a "rolling year" rather than six-month basis.

State (green diamonds) Region 1 (light blue squares) Region 2 (purple triangles)
 Region 3 (dark blue asterisks) Region 4 (orange squares) Region 5 (red circles)
 State (Federal Calculation) (grey line) Federal Standard (dashed line)

Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: This 6-month victim recurrence rate replaces the 12-month victim recurrence rate previously reported, for consistency with a similar change in the federally reported NCANDS measure. Founded referrals must be received more than ten days apart to be counted as a separate occurrence (to approximately adjust the measure for the effects of receiving multiple referrals on the same incident). Federal calculation rules do not allow this ten-day exclusion, so the State trend computed without the exclusion and the Federal practice standards are shown for reference. A fiscal year or six-month cohort of founded referrals on individual victims is followed forward in time for a 6-month period to see if an additional founded referral is received on the same victim more than ten but less than 366 days after the received date of the initial founded referral. An additional six-month lag time after receipt is also allowed for entry of the investigation information. (If any allegation for victims or subjects is founded, the referral is considered founded.) By reporting each quarter and using a six-month period each time, we are averaging over two quarters for each reporting period. This smooths out fluctuations in the trends due to small numbers of recurring victims, and makes the trends easier to interpret and thus more reliable indicators of actual changes in practice.

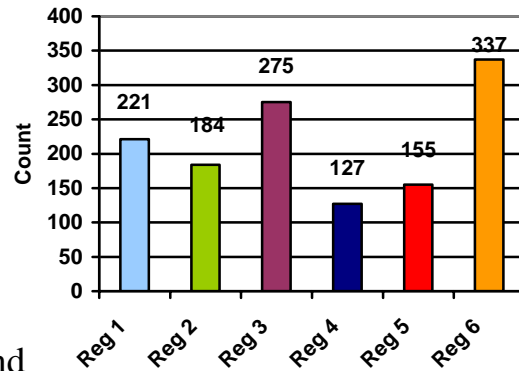
Safety: Reduce Recurrence of Maltreatment

Child Protection Teams

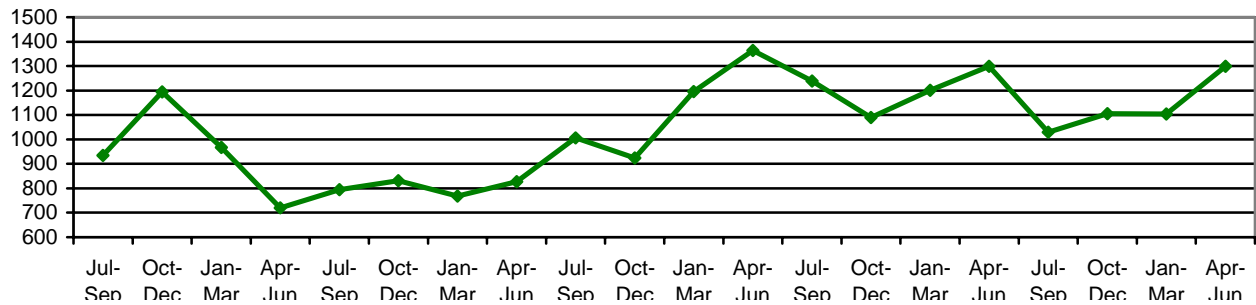
Number of cases staffed with community Child Protection Teams.

Trend Analysis: The overall statewide count for the most recent fiscal quarter of 1,299 cases staffed with CPT's exceeded the performance agreement target of 1,255. All regions except for region 2 demonstrated a leveling off or increase for the most recent reporting period.

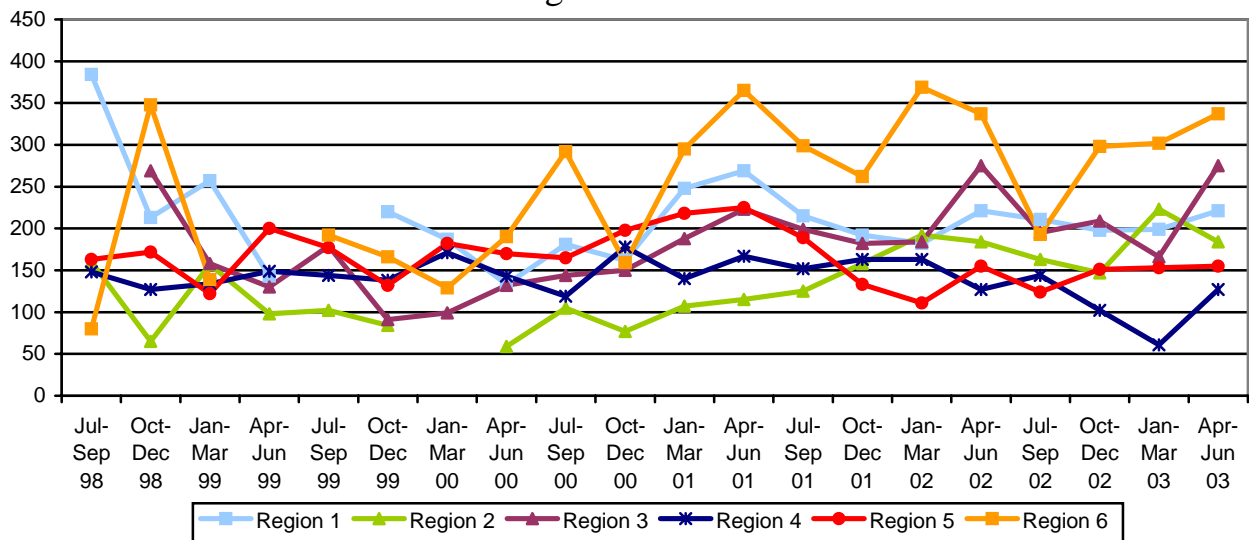
Regional Counts, end of FY 2002



State Trend



Regional Trends

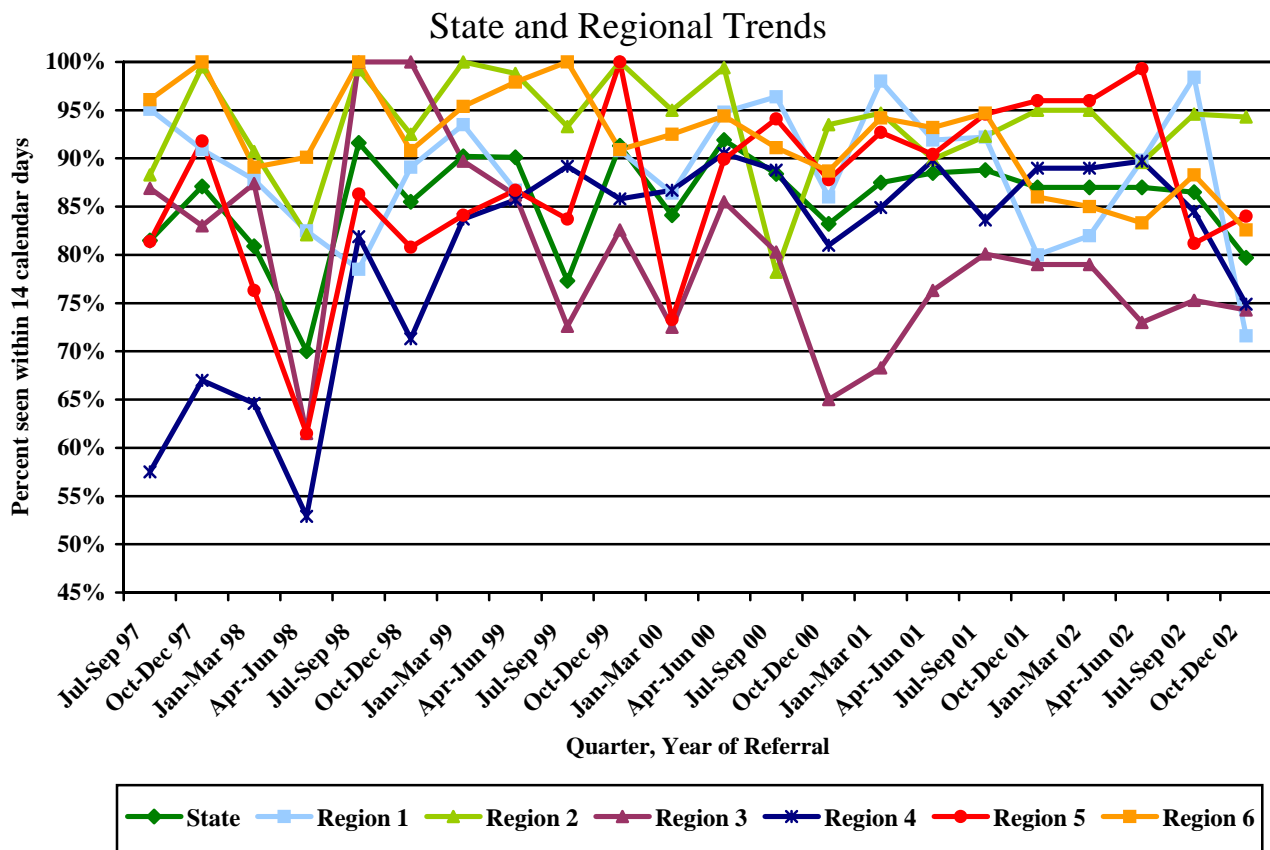
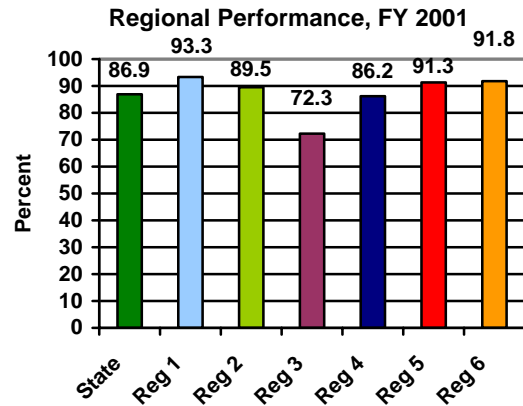


Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Regional handcount of cases staffed with community Child Protection Teams.

Safety: Timely Investigations

DCFS/CPS Investigations: Children seen within 10 days

Trend Analysis: For the most recent reporting period, only region 2 meets the target when measured by hand counts.



Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Percent of high standard CPS investigations where child is seen within 10 days from the date of the referral. **This measure is currently determined from hand counts, but will be converted soon to a measure based on SER's.**

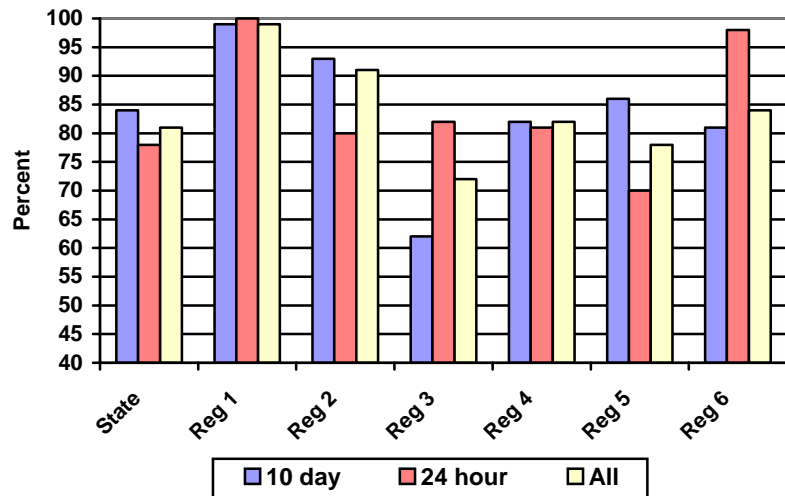
Safety: Timely Investigations

DLR/CPS Investigations: Children seen within 10 Days or 24 Hours

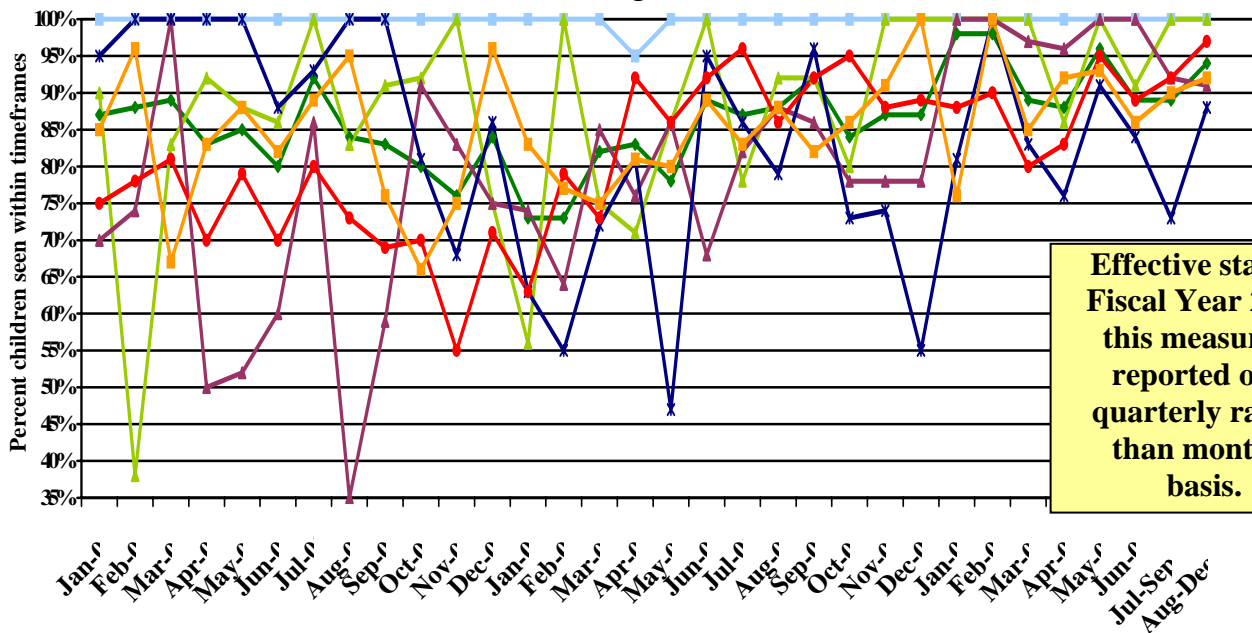
Percent of high standard CPS investigations where child is seen within 10 calendar days OR 24 hours from the date of the referral.

Trend Analysis: Regions 1 and 2 met or exceeded the performance agreement target of 90% (All investigations) for all of FY 2001. At present all regions with the exception of region 4 meet the target.

Regional Performance, all of FY 2001



State and Regional Trends



Effective start of Fiscal Year 2003, this measure is reported on a quarterly rather than monthly basis.

Quarter, Year in Placement



Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Percent of high standard DLR investigations where child is seen within 10 days (non-emergent referrals) or 24 hours (emergent referrals) from the date of the referral; the overall percentage is shown in the trend graph. Measure determined by DLR handcount.

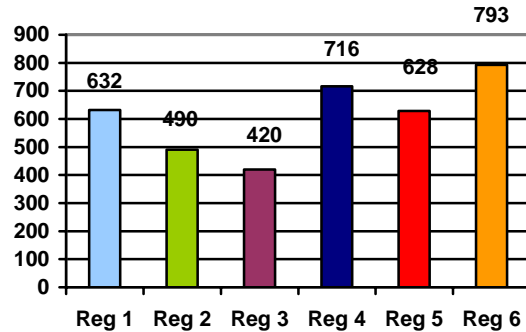
PERMANENCY: MEASURES OF PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

Completed Permanent Plans: Adoption, Guardianship, and Reunification with LOS > 60 Days

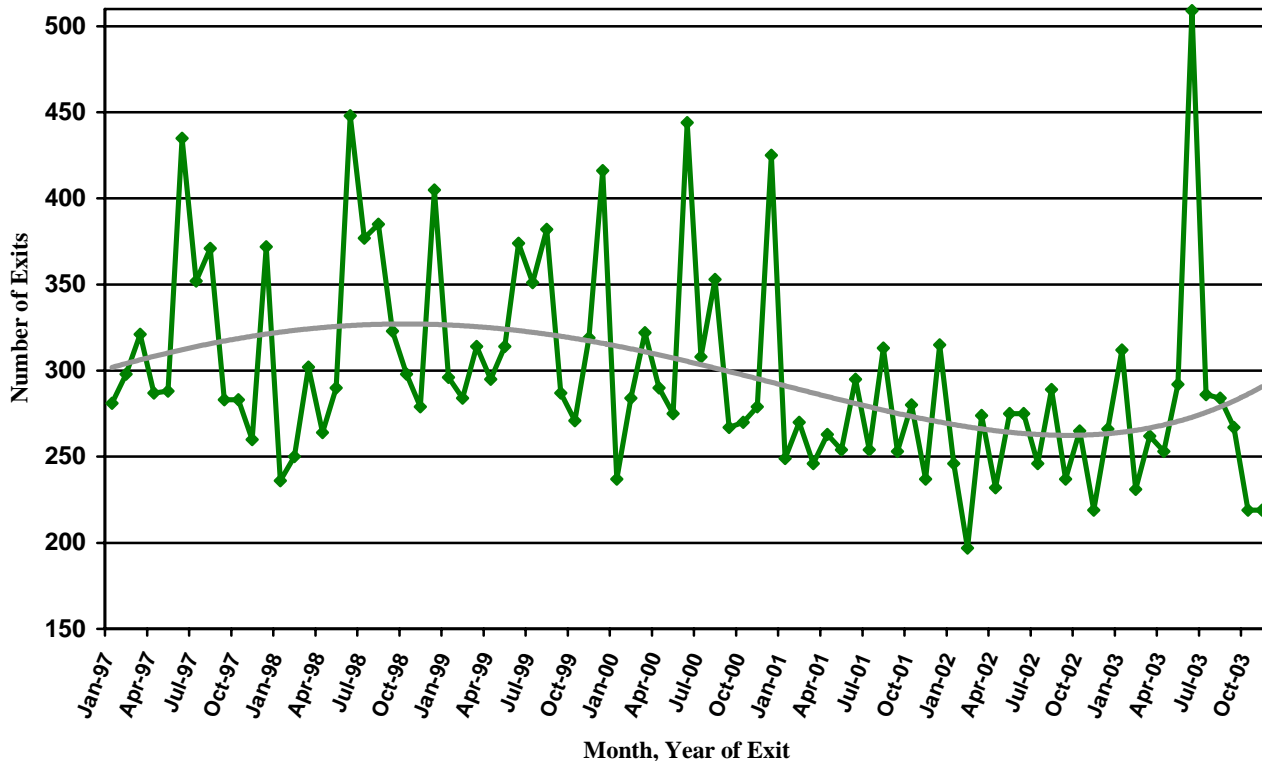
(Number of exits)

Trend Analysis: The number of permanent plans completed for the most recent reporting period was unchanged from the previous reporting period.

Number of Permanent Plans Completed (FY 2003)



State Trend



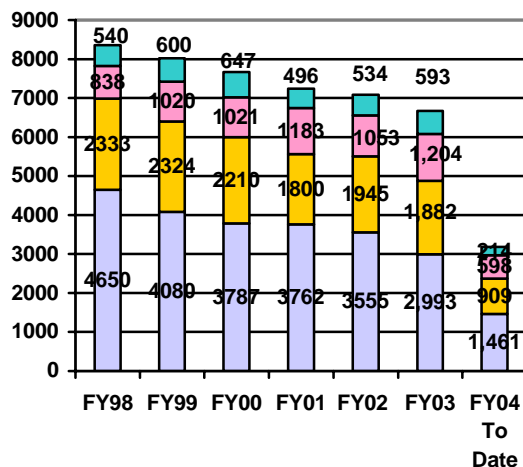
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Because this trend is a count of exits, it will not equal the number of children exiting during a given period. Only exits of adoption, guardianship, and reunifications after at least 60 days in care are included in this count.

Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

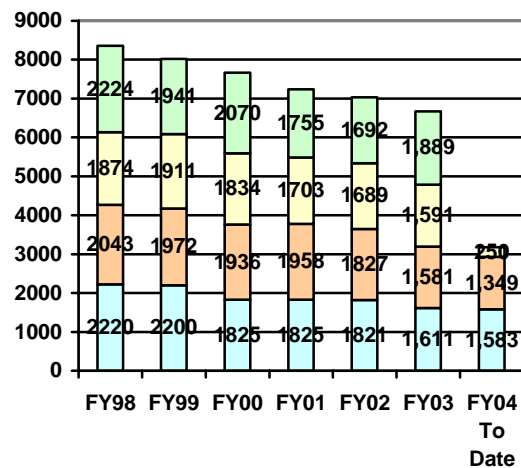
Completed Permanent Plans by Type and Quarter: Adoption, Guardianship and Reunification (Number of Exits, All LOS)

Trend Analysis: While early permanent plan completions appeared to be on target to meet the goal for end of fiscal year 2004, total permanency plan counts are low.

State - Permanent Plans Completed by Type of Exit



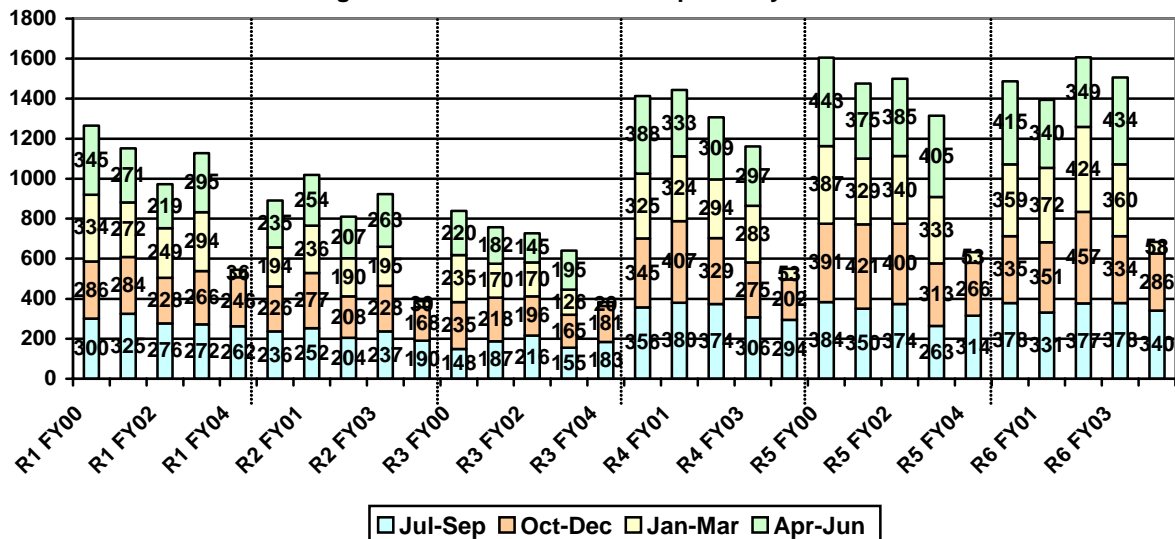
State - Permanent Plans Completed by Quarter



Reun < 60 LOS
Reun > 60 LOS
Adoptions
Guardianships

Jul-Sep
Oct-Dec
Jan-Mar
Apr-Jun

Regions - Permanent Plans Completed by Quarter

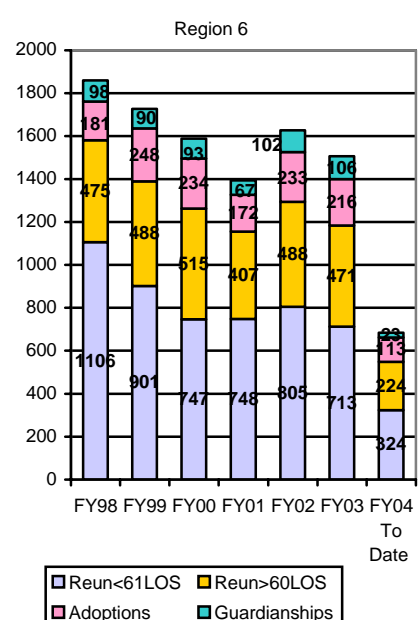
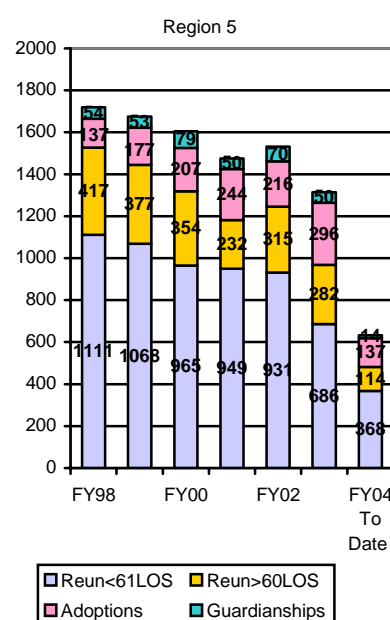
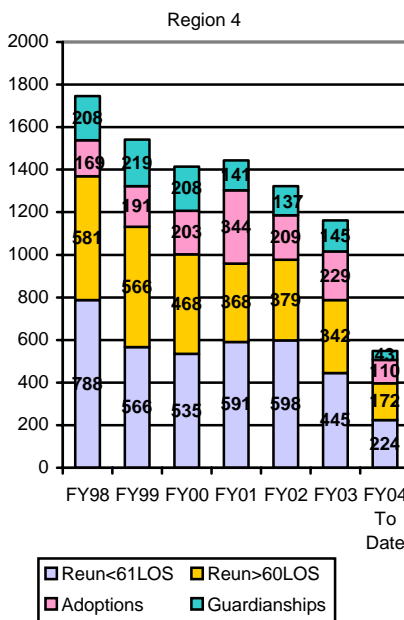
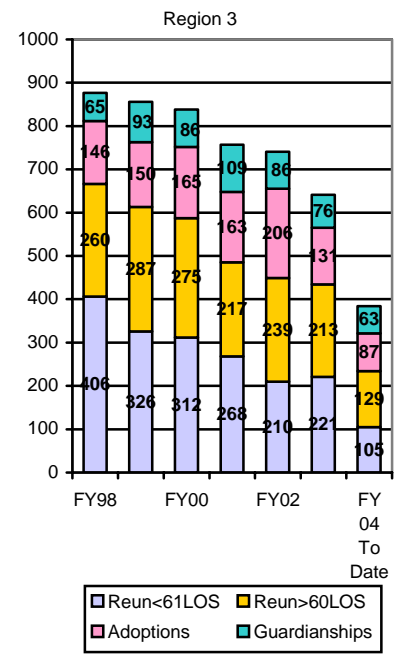
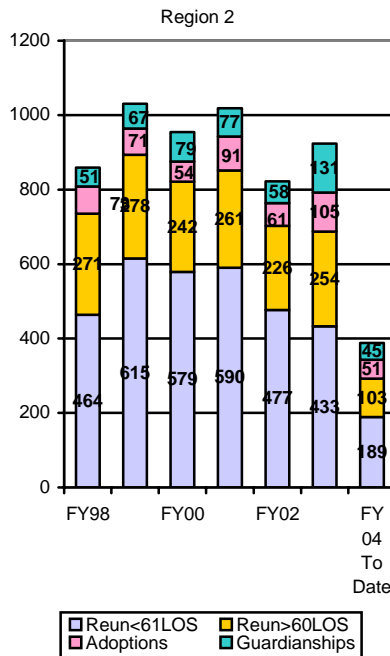
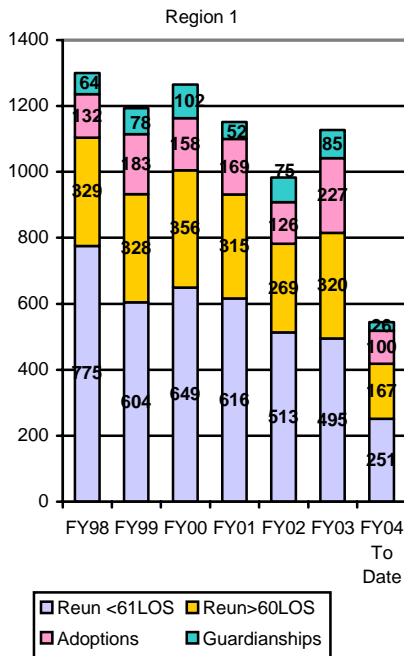


Jul-Sep
Oct-Dec
Jan-Mar
Apr-Jun

Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Because these are counts of exits, they will not equal the unduplicated number of children exiting during a given period.

Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

Completed Permanent Plans: Regional Performance on Reunification, Adoption and Guardianships (Number of Exits)

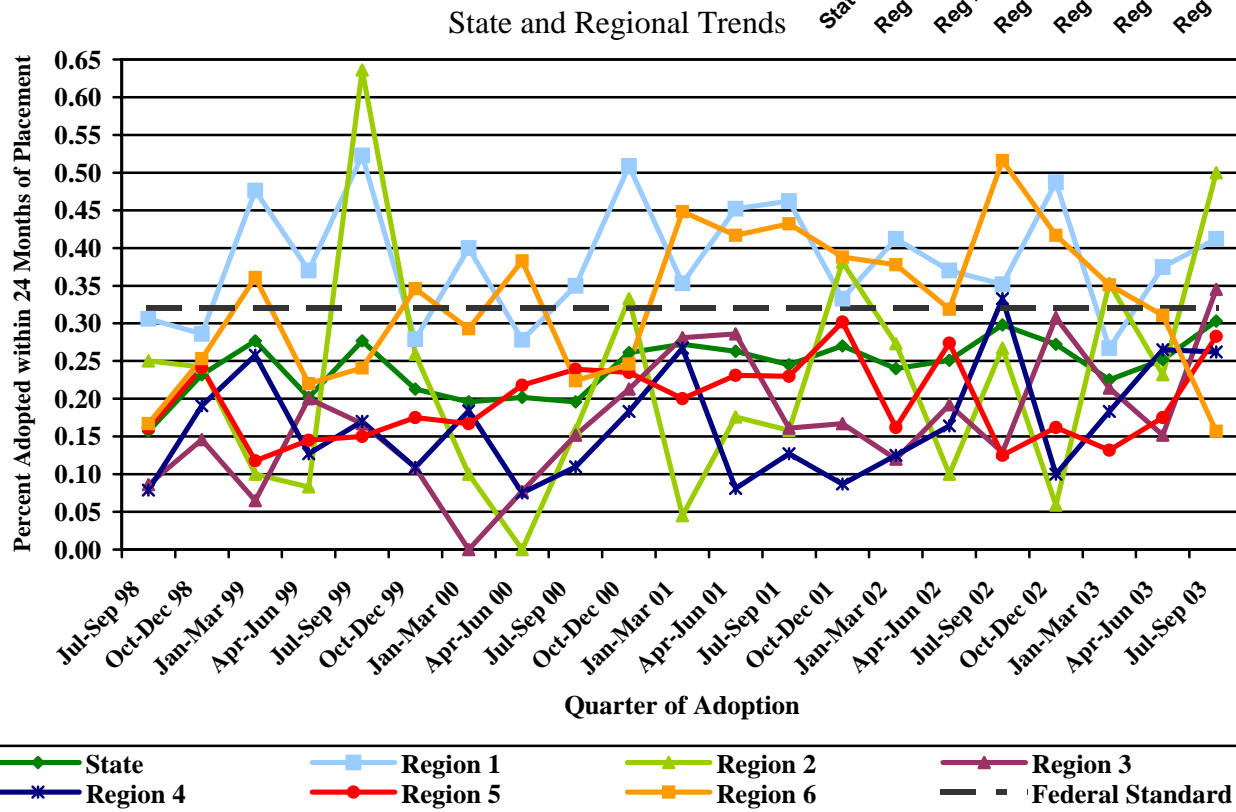
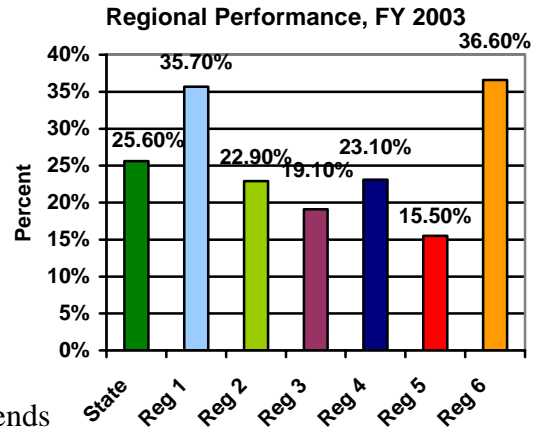


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Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

Proportion of Adoptions Achieved within 24 Months of Placement

Trend Analysis: The federal practice standard for this measure states that adoptions will be accomplished within 24 months 32% of the time. In fiscal year 2003 the state and regions 1, 2, 3 and 5 all showed significant gains while region should a decline and Region 4 remained largely the same.



fiscal quarter is now shown with a data lag allowance and total permanency plan counts are low. By **Trend Analysis:**

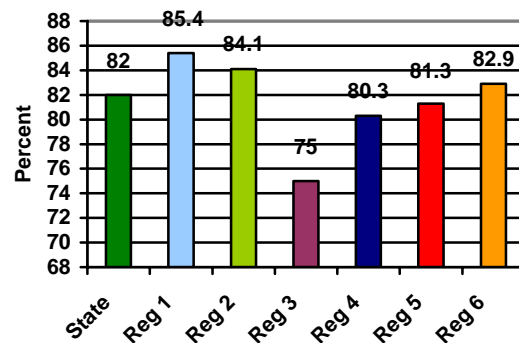
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: This measure determined from counts of episode closures with the placement result of adoption. The Federal practice standard of $\geq 32\%$ is shown on the graph for reference.

Permanency: Increase Permanency for Children in Out-of-Home Care

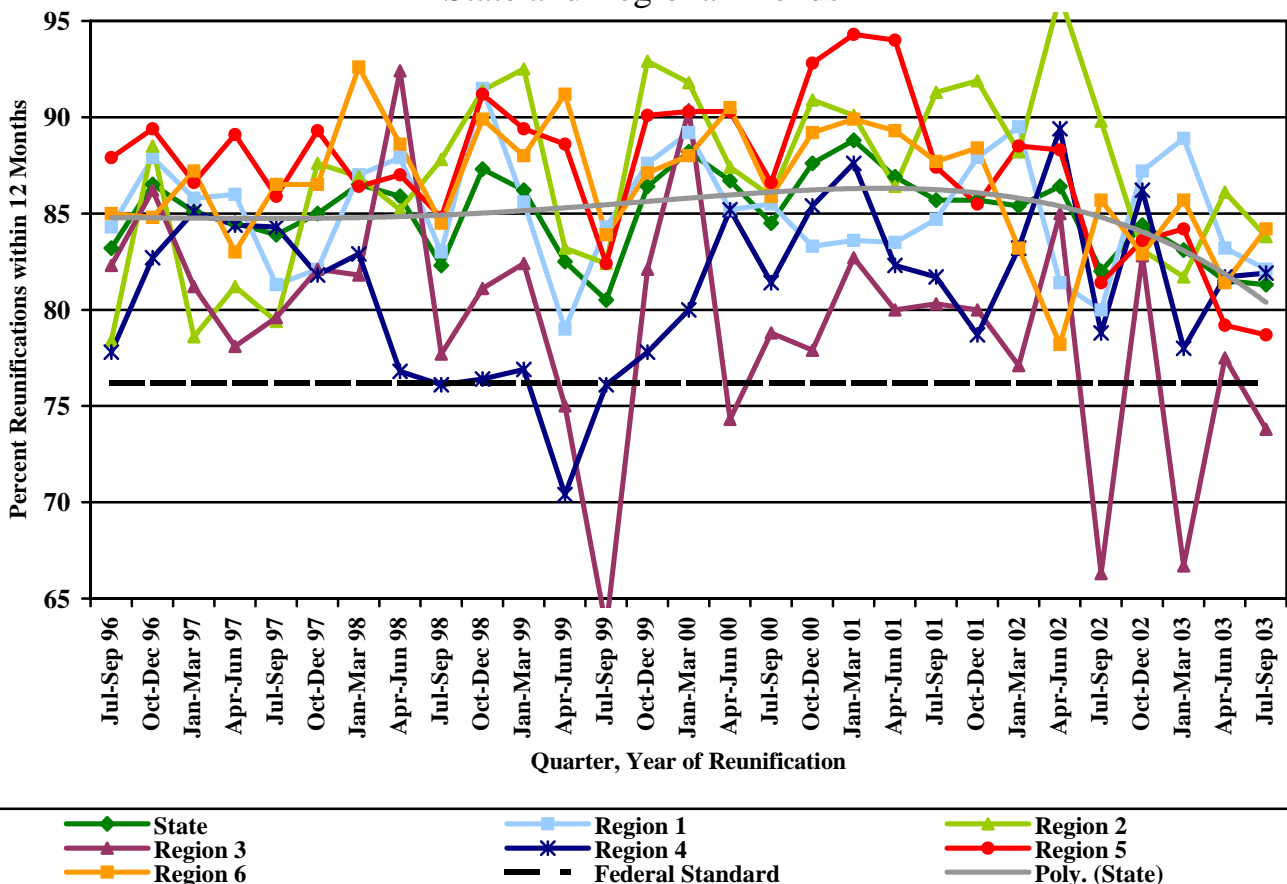
Timely Reunifications: Percent of children reunified within 12 months

Trend Analysis: There were significant fluctuations in this trend for the most recent period reported with the state and regions 1, 2, 3 and 5 showing decreases and Regions 4 and 6 increasing.

Regional Performance, FY 2003



State and Regional Trends



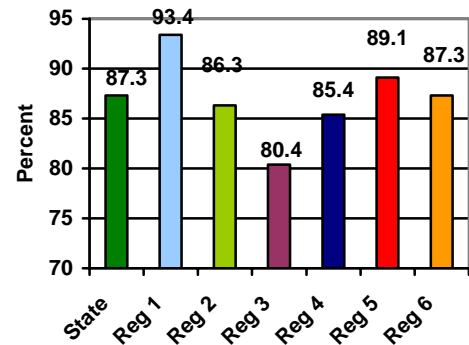
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: The measure includes children in DCFS custody only; results for latest placement of child with any length of stay during the cohort period. The Federal performance standard of $\geq 76.2\%$ is shown on the graph for reference.

PERMANENCY: STABILITY, TIME IN CARE, AND RE-ENTRY

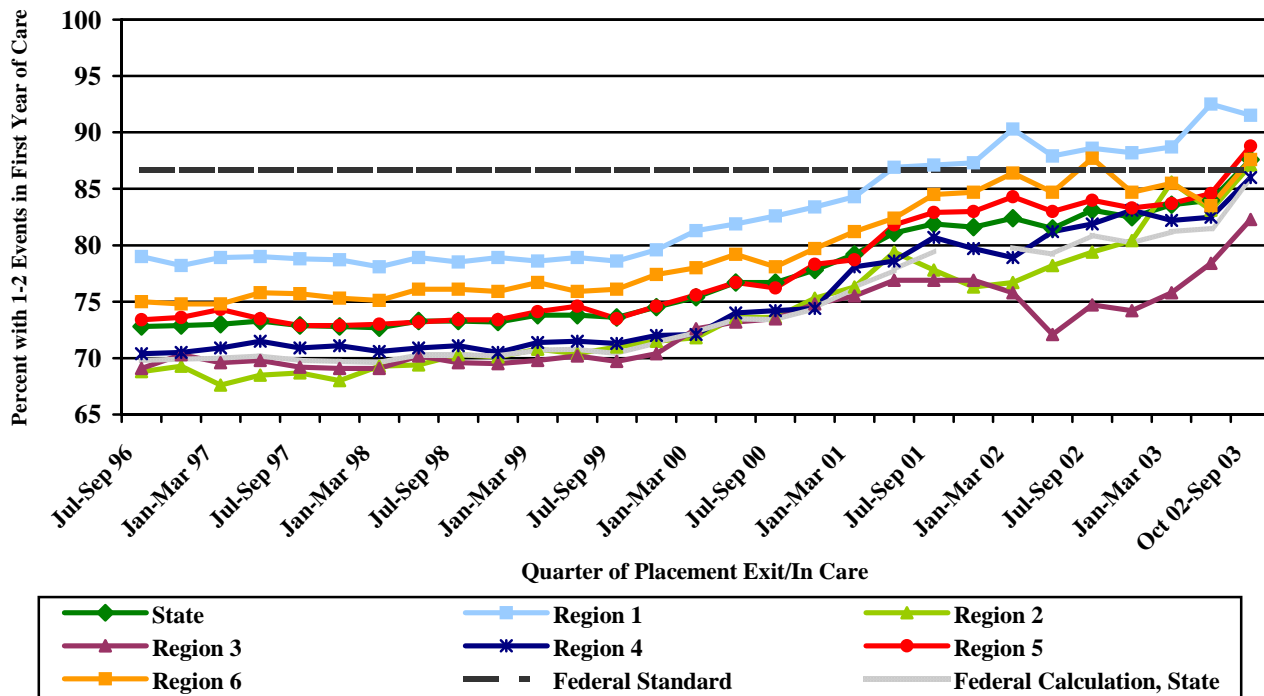
Percent with no more than 2 placements during first 12 months in care for children exiting or remaining in care for any length of stay.

Trend Analysis: This measure is now tracked on a rolling year basis to allow for data lag and more accurately reflect practice. Based on new calculation methods, the state and all regions except Region 1 showed an increase.

Regional Performance, FY 2003



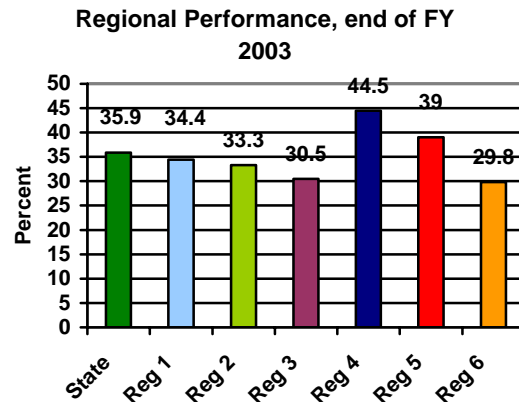
State and Regional Trends



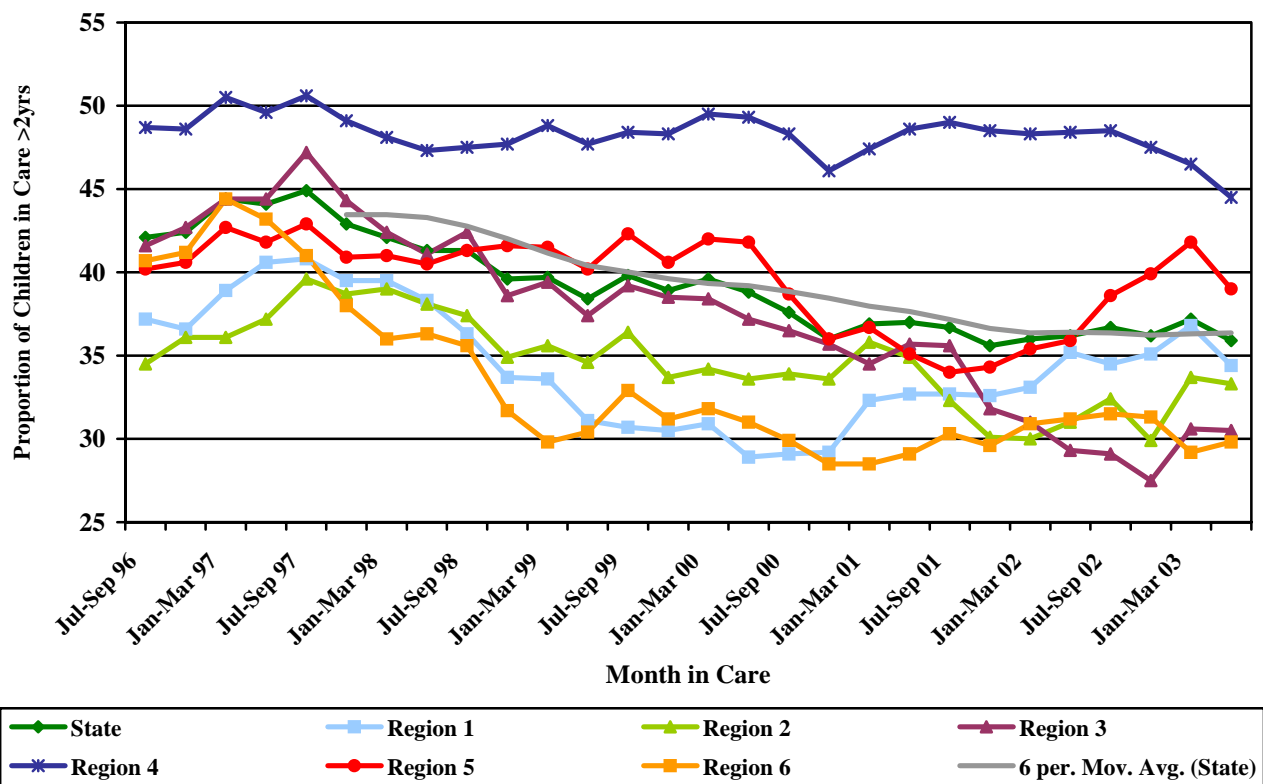
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: This measure is a count of qualifying placement events that occur in the first 12 months of placement within a single episode, using a quarterly or fiscal year cohort of children exiting before or remaining in care at one year. Our adjusted count EXCLUDES respite, on-the-run, juvenile rehabilitation, detention, in-home dependencies, hospital, and events contiguous in time (after these events are removed) where the placement business ID has not changed. In addition, ANY type of event of less than 31 days duration that occurs between two events with the same business ID are excluded (only the first of such multiple "events" is counted). These exclusions are intended to approximate, as closely as possible, a count of only the child's principal places of residence. The Federal rules for this measure only allow simple exclusion of respite, in-home dependencies, hospital, and on-the-run events: therefore, although the numbers and trends we report are the best currently available estimate of actual placement stability, the calculation of State performance using the Federal rules indicates a lower level of performance (about 3 percentage points lower). Children in DCFS custody only, with any length of stay during the cohort period. The Federal performance standard of $\geq 86.7\%$ and the Federal calculation of State performance are shown on the graph for reference.

Proportion of children in care for more than two years; of all children in DCFS custody in open placements for more than 60 days (in placement as of the end of the quarter or fiscal year).

Trend Analysis: Statewide the percent of children in care for more than two years without a permanent plan decreased from 36.2% to 35.9%. For the most recent reporting period the state and all regions demonstrated a leveling off or decrease in the rate of children without permanent plans completed.



State and Regional Trends



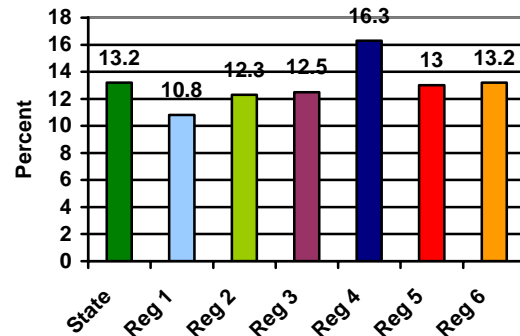
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Children in DCFS custody only, in care (open placement episodes) for more than 60 days as of the end of the reporting period.

Permanency: Decrease length of stay without increasing re-entry

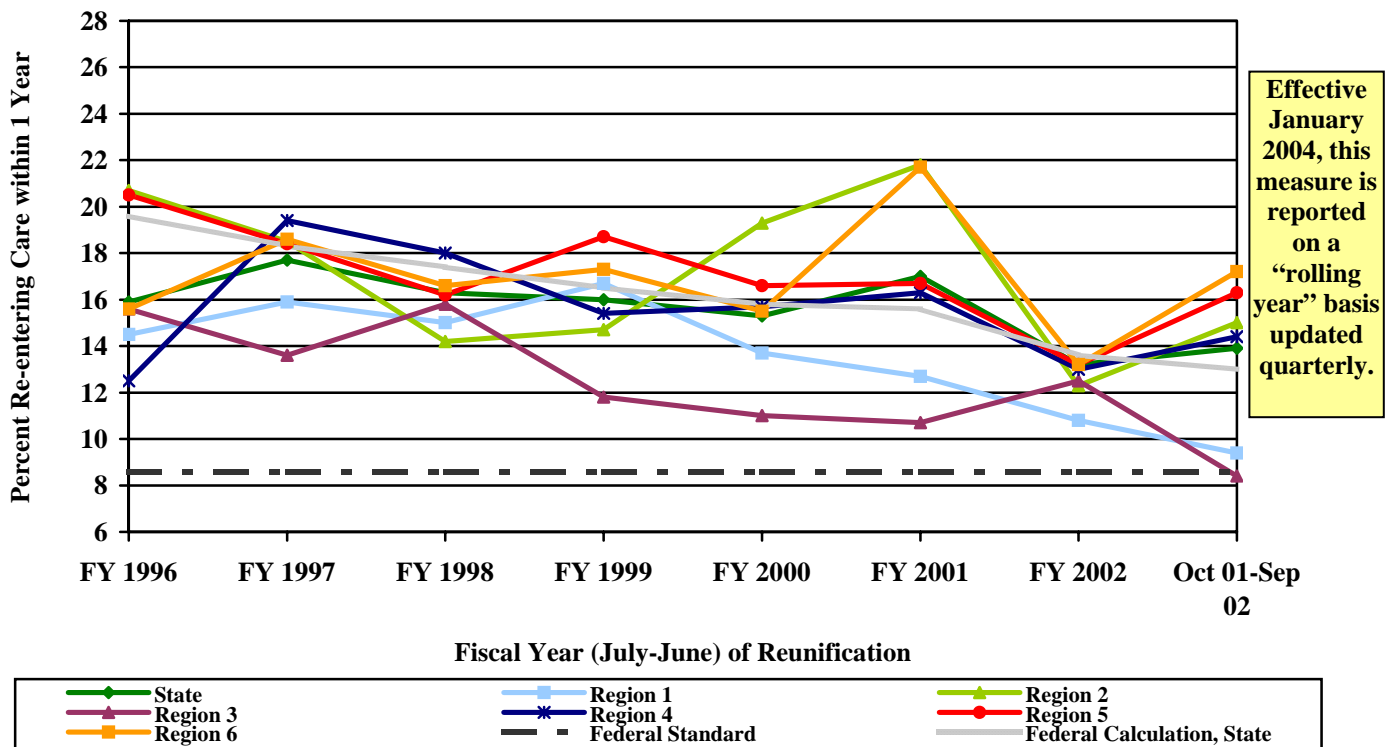
Proportion re-entering care within 12 months of reunification

Trend Analysis: This measure is retrospective and is now tracked on a rolling year basis to allow for data lag and accuracy. Based upon revised calculation methods, Region 1 and 3 made progress toward the goal and the state and all other regions deviated away from the target.

Regional Performance, FY 2002 exits



State and Regional Trends: Re-Entry following Reunification



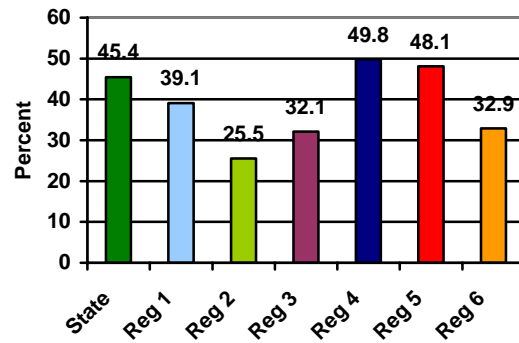
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Trends are determined at fiscal year intervals to allow meaningful interpretation of changes in this measure. Children in DCFS custody only. The Federal measure considers all lengths of stay, and is a "look back" measure of all children currently entering into care rather than a "look forward" measure for exit cohorts of children reunified. For our purposes, we determine this measure for children who re-enter care for > 30 days who had a previous episode of care lasting > 60 days. There must also be more than one day between the end date of the previous episode and the start date of the new episode for the new episode to be counted as a "re-entry." Cohorts of children exiting placement in a given period are followed forward in time to see if they have a new episode that begins more than one but less than 366 days after the close of the previous episode. The Federal performance standard of $\leq 8.6\%$ and the Federal-method calculation of the State trend are shown on the graph for reference; the Federal calculation is slightly higher than our calculation.

PERMANENCY: MINORITY CHILDREN, RELATIVE CARE, AND CAREGIVER VISITS

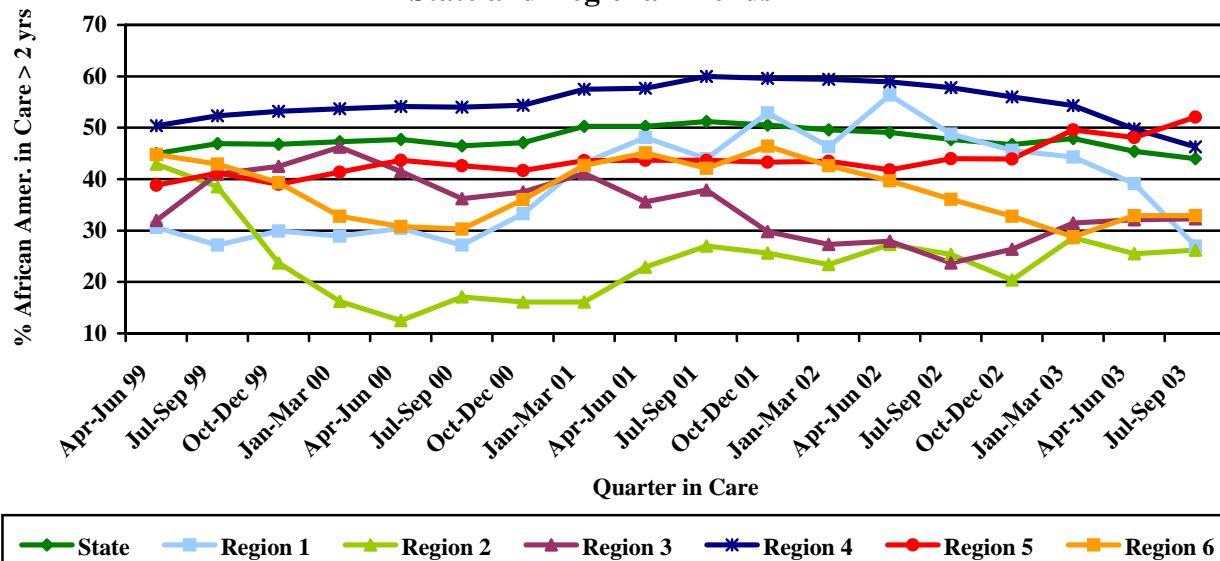
African American Children in Care Longer than Two Years who do not have a completed permanent plan.

Trend Analysis: The state trend for this measure has remained between 46 and 50 percent since 1999. Following a peak of 50.3% in January 2001, there has been a leveling off followed by a gradual decline in the number of African American children in care longer than two years for whom no permanent plan has been achieved. The most recent reporting period, Jul-Sep 2003 showed the smallest statewide number (573) since tracking of this measure began and lowest statewide percentage (44.0%) of African American kids in long-term care since June 1999.

Regional Performance, end of FY 2003



State and Regional Trends



Number of African American Children in Care more than 2 years

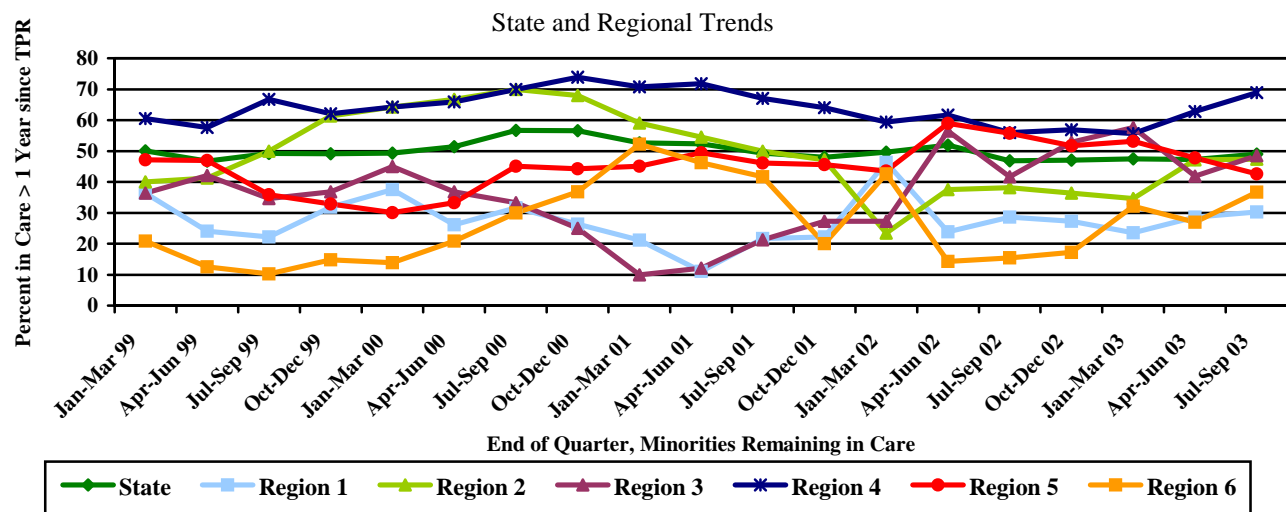
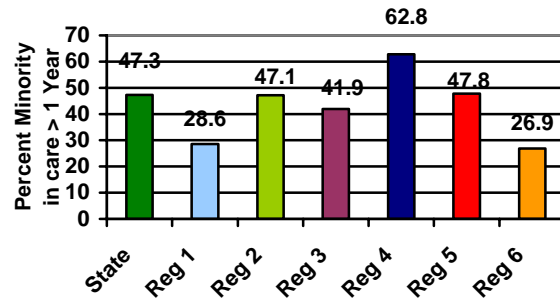
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1	26	24	24	22	26	35	38	33	37	37	44	39	31	31	25	17
2	9	6	4	6	5	5	8	10	10	11	15	15	11	16	12	11
3	37	43	39	38	36	39	37	39	36	30	36	33	33	40	36	43
4	484	484	466	444	430	450	440	439	419	403	395	377	360	341	318	309
5	133	144	146	144	151	167	170	165	167	160	148	160	163	179	166	170
6	24	21	20	23	27	32	32	32	32	29	23	22	21	19	23	234
State	713	722	699	677	675	728	725	718	701	670	661	646	619	626	580	573

Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Trend shown for the percentage of African American children in care > 2 years, of all African American children in DCFS custody and in care > 60 days as of the end of the reporting period. "African American" defined for this measure only as a child with African American indicated for any of the six race codes in CAMIS.

Permanency: Decrease over-representation of minority children in care

Trend Analysis: Regions 3, 4 and 6 showed and increase while the state and all other regions showed a leveling off or decrease in the number of young minority children in care.

Regional Performance, end of FY 2003



Young Children Remaining in Care More Than One Year Since TPR

Number of (M) inority & (C) aucasian Children Ages Birth ~ Three Years,
Remaining In Care Over One Year since TPR

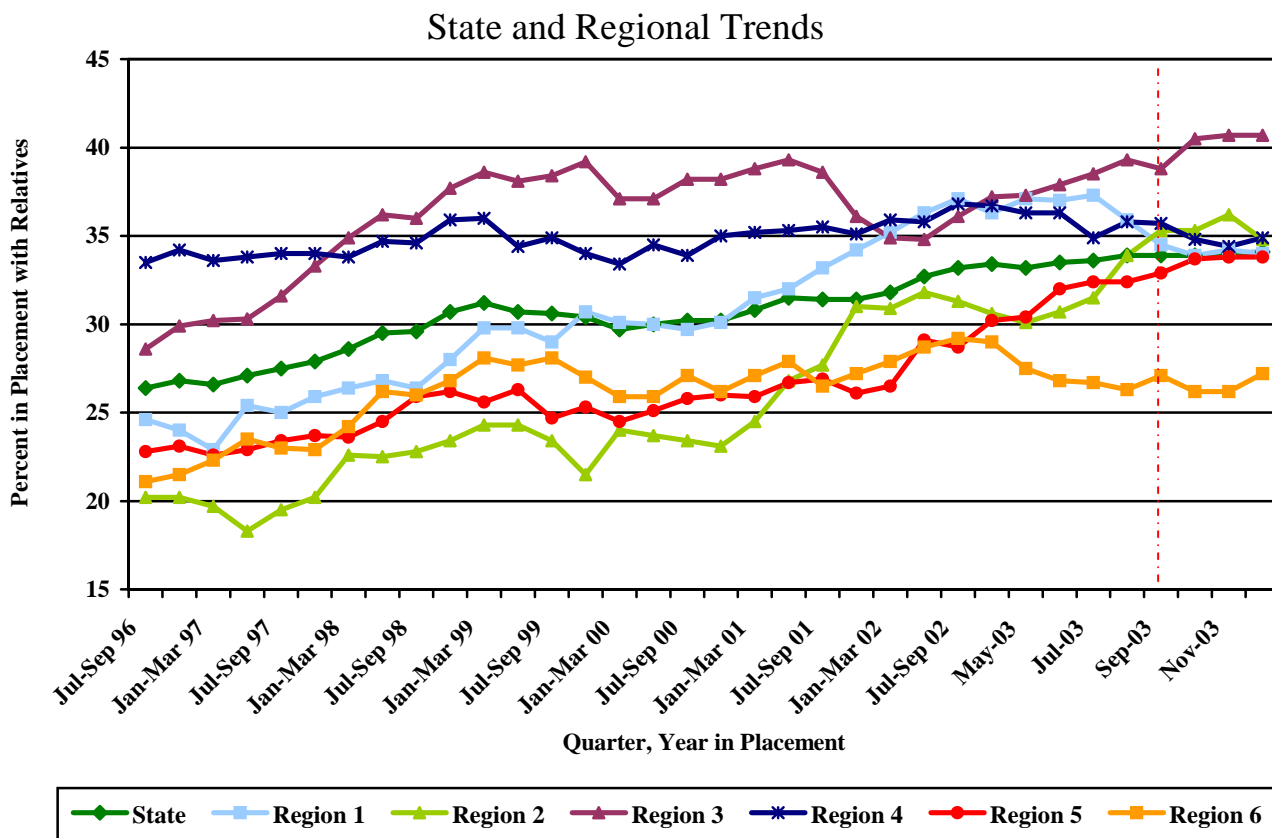
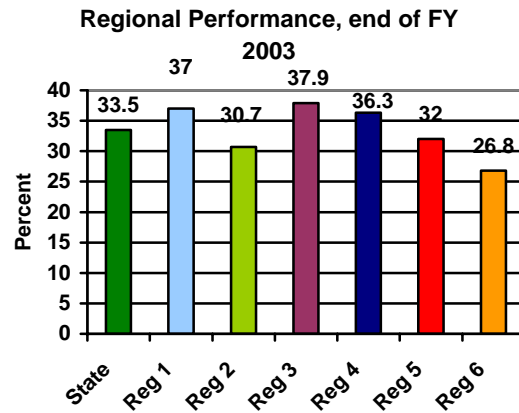
Region	Oct-Dec 1999	Jan-Mar 2000	Apr-Jun 2000	Jul-Sep 2000	Oct-Dec 2000	Jan-Mar 2001	Apr-Jun 2001	Jul-Sep 2001	Oct-Dec 2001	Jan-Mar 2002	Apr-Jun 2002	Jul-Sep 2002	Oct-Dec 2002	Jan-Mar 2003	Apr-Jun 2003	Jul-Sep 2003
1 M	7	9	6	6	5	4	2	5	4	7	7	8	9	8	10	10
1 C	14	12	13	16	9	11	9	11	15	16	26	21	22	22	18	19
2 M	19	18	18	21	17	13	12	8	8	6	7	8	8	9	8	9
2 C	6	5	7	9	5	6	9	9	10	8	9	9	9	7	3	4
3 M	7	9	7	8	6	3	4	7	9	13	15	15	18	19	13	16
3 C	13	11	8	9	14	17	19	18	19	21	16	18	16	16	19	21
4 M	118	122	122	112	102	92	89	77	71	69	65	61	66	55	54	51
4 C	65	62	58	45	32	24	22	22	24	24	22	24	32	25	17	21
5 M	27	25	28	37	35	37	42	41	36	45	42	44	45	42	33	29
5 C	21	26	31	29	29	33	25	28	25	25	29	31	27	28	18	16
6 M	4	5	5	6	7	12	12	10	3	3	4	4	5	9	7	11
6 C	11	11	11	11	12	12	14	11	9	14	16	14	17	16	16	8
State M	182	188	186	190	172	161	161	148	131	143	140	140	151	142	125	126
State C	130	127	128	119	101	103	98	99	102	108	117	117	123	114	91	89

Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Measure reported for minority and Caucasian children exiting or remaining in care, ages birth through three years at time of legally free date. "Minority" defined for this measure as all children except those indicated as Caucasian and only Caucasian; Hispanic Caucasians also included in "minority" group. Children established in adoptions and guardianships are included in this measure of legally free children with permanent plans. Children in long-term foster care/relative agreements are as yet not identified and therefore cannot be counted as having a permanent plan; these children currently show as being in open episodes and add to the count of children in care for more than one year.

Permanency: Continuity of family relationships and connections will be preserved for children

Proportion of children placed with relatives

Trend Analysis: Over the seven year period reported the state has demonstrated a significant increase in the percent of all children in care who are placed with relatives. For the most recent reporting period, the state and all regions with the exception of region 4 showed a leveling off or increase in the number of children placed with relatives.



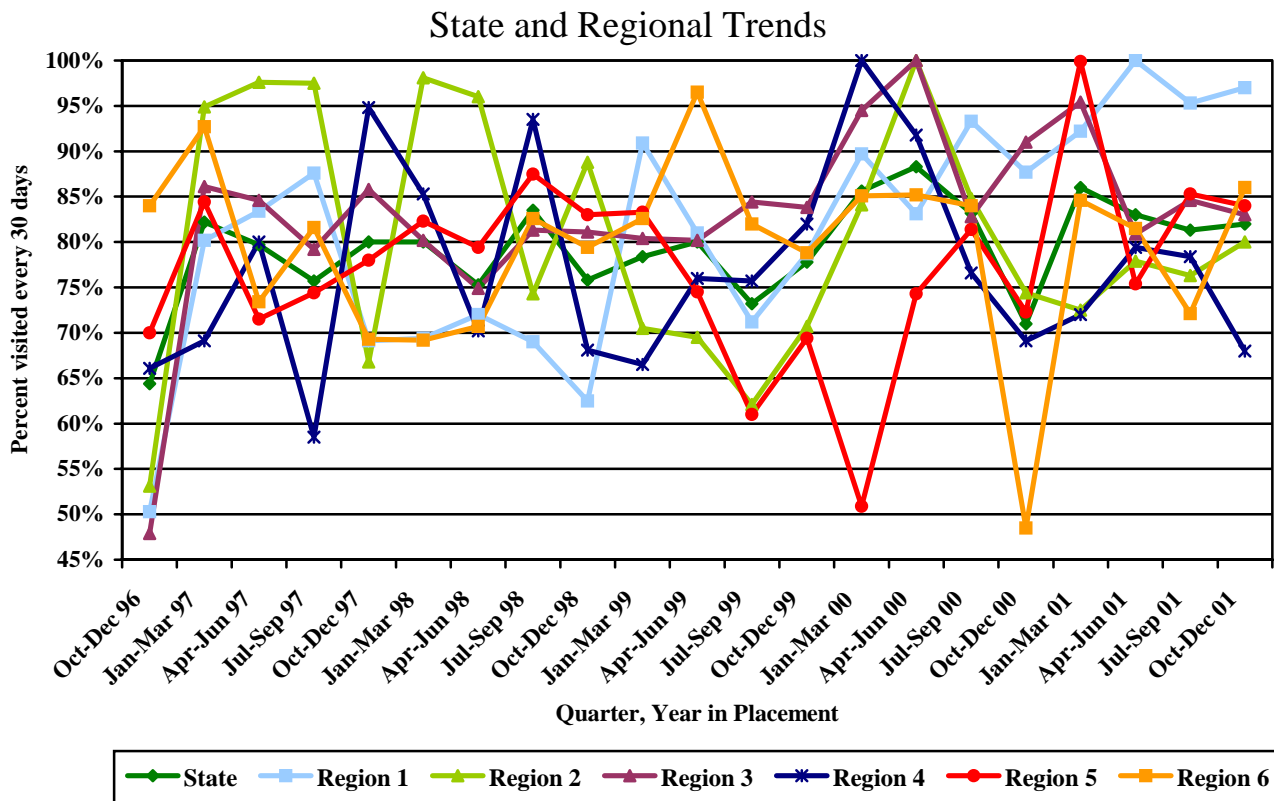
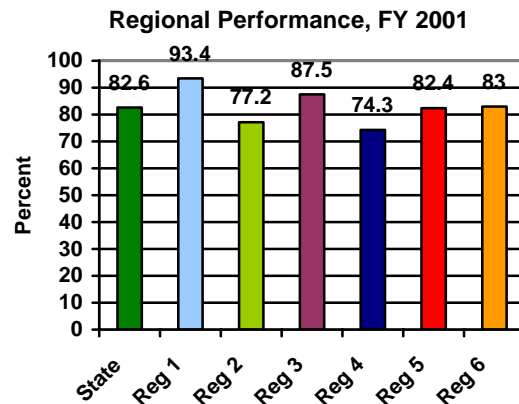
As of April 2003, this measure is tracked as an up-to-date, point in time measure rather than by fiscal quarter as was the historical method.

Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: This measure is an up-to-date point in time measure and includes children in care with all lengths of stay.

Permanency: Preserve connections with parents, siblings and other significant people

Child and Caregiver Visitation every 30 Days

Trend Analysis: Regions 1 and 3 met the performance agreement target of 86% for all of FY 2001, when measured by hand counts. Only region 1 meets the target for the last three reporting quarters. Region 6 met the target for the most recent reporting period.

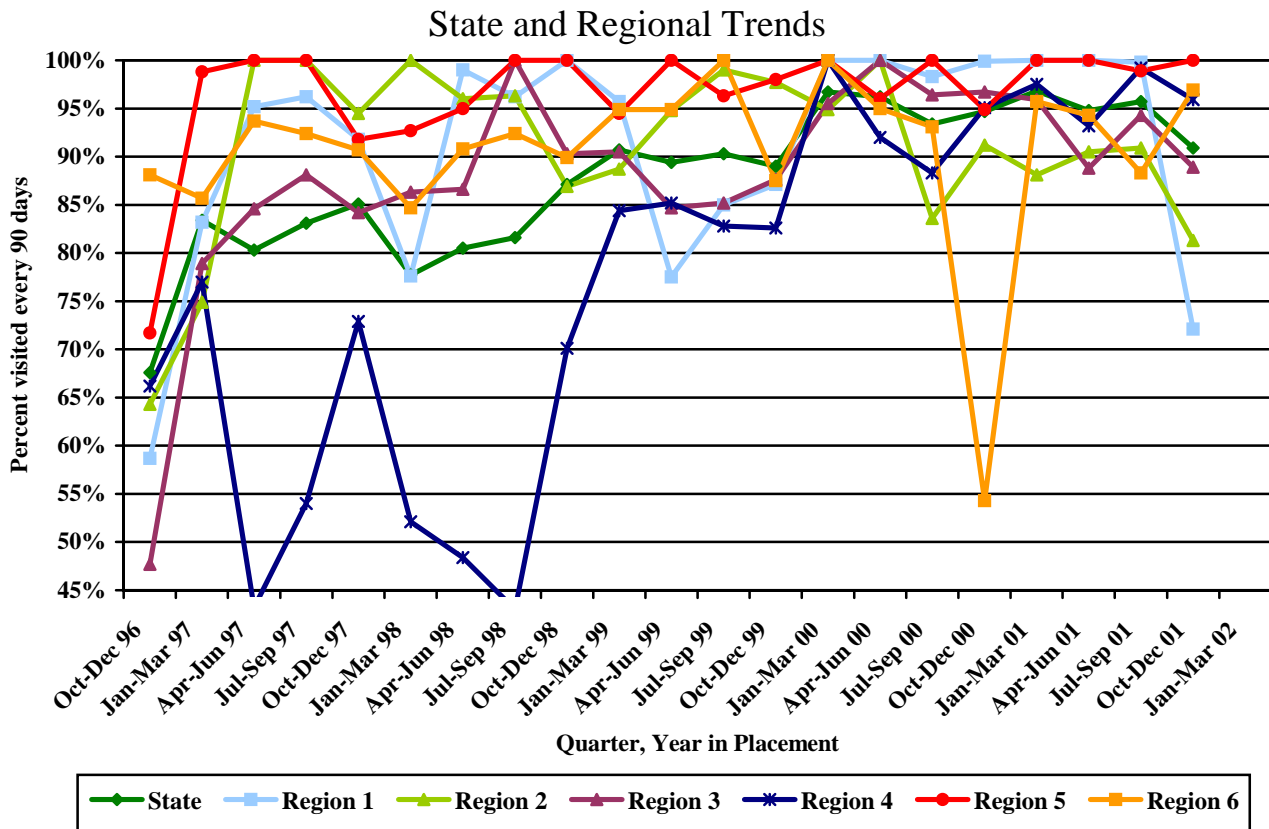
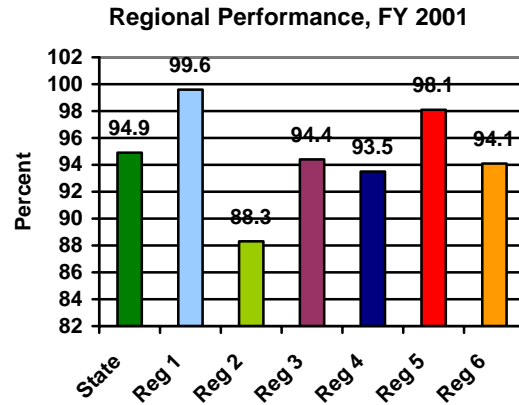


Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: This measure is currently determined from hand counts, but will be converted soon to a measure based on SER's. Upon conversion, records will be checked to determine the proportion of children in open placements who receive visits from parents or primary caregivers at least once every 30 days, not just the last 30 days of each quarter. Handcount of open placement cases on last day of quarter where child was visited by parents or permanent caretaker at least once within the last 30 days. Denominator – CAMIS count of children in placement at least 30 days on the last day of the quarter, with a permanent plan of reunification.

WELL BEING

Caseworker visits with children in out-of-home care every 90 days

Trend Analysis: Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and the state have shown recent declines away from the target in this performance measure with Region 1 showing the most dramatic decline. Regions 5 and 6 have shown recent improvements.



Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: This measure is currently determined from hand counts, but will be converted soon to a measure based on SER's. Handcount of open placement cases on last day of quarter where child was visited by their caseworker within the last 90 days. Denominator – CAMIS count of children in placement at least 30 days on the last day of the quarter, with a permanent plan of reunification.

Well Being: Children in placement are supported in age appropriate Educational and Developmental programs

Percent of children 12 years or younger at time of most recent entry placed in group care

Trend Analysis: The number of young children placed into group care is small by national standards.

Percent of Children 12 or Younger Placed in Group Care (Number Placed)

Region	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004 Year to Date
1	4% (22)	4% (21)	3% (14)	1.4% (8)	4.0% (19)	5.3% (7)
2	3% (11)	4% (16)	2% (9)	1.8% (8)	.8% (3)	.8% (1)
3	5% (22)	3% (14)	2% (12)	2.7% (16)	1.9% (9)	.7% (1)
4	6% (45)	4% (25)	5% (29)	4.4% (25)	4.7% (27)	3.9% (6)
5	1% (5)	1% (5)	0% (0)	.7% (4)	.4% (2)	.0% (0)
6	2% (14)	2% (11)	1% (6)	.8% (6)	.9% (6)	.0% (0)
State	3.7% (119)	2.8% (92)	2.0% (70)	1.9% (67)	2.2% (66)	1.6% (15)

Racial and Age Breakouts, Children ≤ 12 Placed in Group Care in FY 2003

		Percent of all DCFS-custody children ≤ 12 placed	
Hispanic?	No	%	1.8%
		N	14
	Yes	%	.8%
		N	1
Race	Native American only	%	.0%
		N	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander only	%	.0%
		N	0
	African American only	%	2.4%
		N	2
	Caucasian only	%	1.9%
		N	11
Age at placement entry	Multiracial	%	2.4%
		N	2
	0-5 yrs	%	.3%
		N	2
	6-8 yrs	%	3.4%
		N	4
	9-10 yrs	%	5.4%
		N	5
	11 yrs	%	4.4%
		N	2
	12 yrs	%	4.4%
		N	2

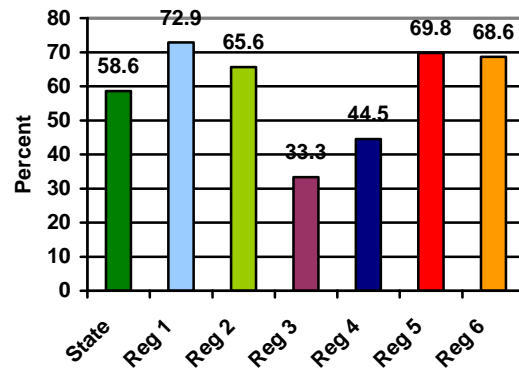
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details:

Well Being: Children in placement are supported in age appropriate Educational and Developmental programs

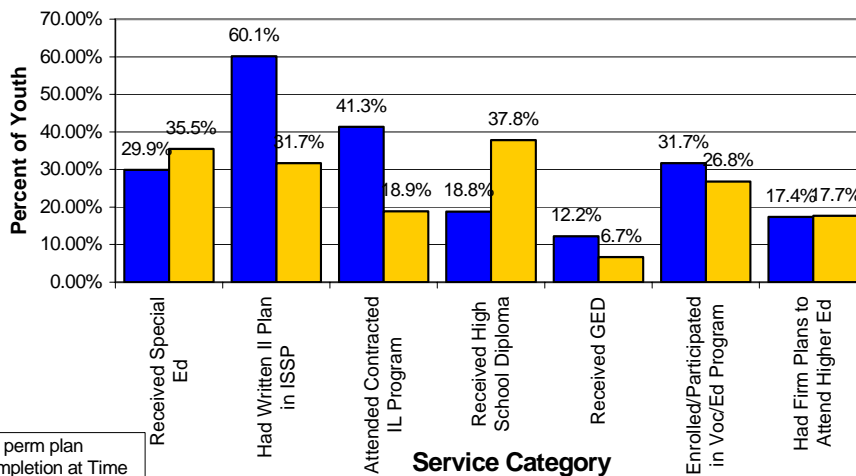
Completion of or enrollment in educational program prior to leaving care

Trend Analysis: Statewide 58% of youth exiting care at age 18 had attained an educational goal of having received a High School Diploma, a GED or were enrolled in a vocational or educational program at time of exit. This is compared to 62% of youth living in guardianship placements at age 18 and had achieved the same educational goals.

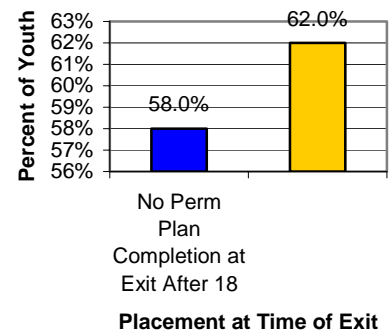
Regional Performance, Calendar 2001



Educational Outcomes for Youth Age 18 or Older Who had Been in of-Home Care at Least One Year-Calendar Year 2001



Percent of Youth Who had Obtained A High School Diploma, GED or Were Enrolled in Voc/Ed Program at Time of Exit

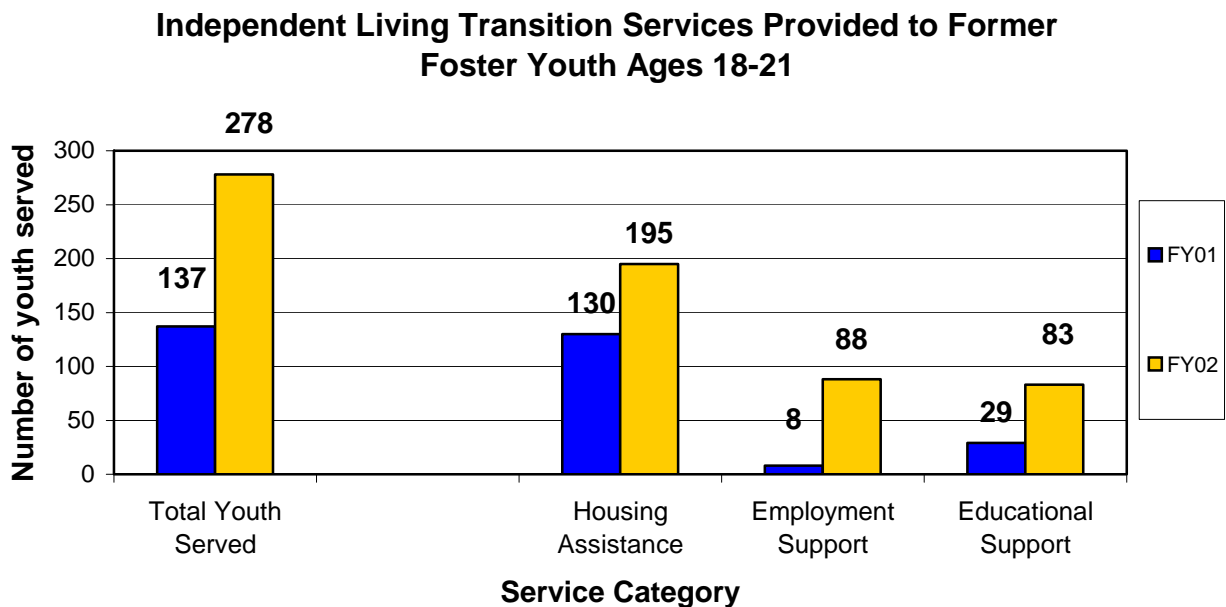


Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: The outcomes for this measure were calculated based upon regional handcounts of youth in care at least one year with no permanent plan completion at time of exit at age 18 or older and youth who were in care at least one year and were living in a Guardianship Placement at age 18. Educational Data is tracked annually.

Well Being: Children in placement are supported in age appropriate Educational and Developmental programs

Youth Receiving ILS Services

Trend Analysis: Twice as many youth between the ages of 18 and 21 received contractor provided IL services in FY02 than did in FY01.



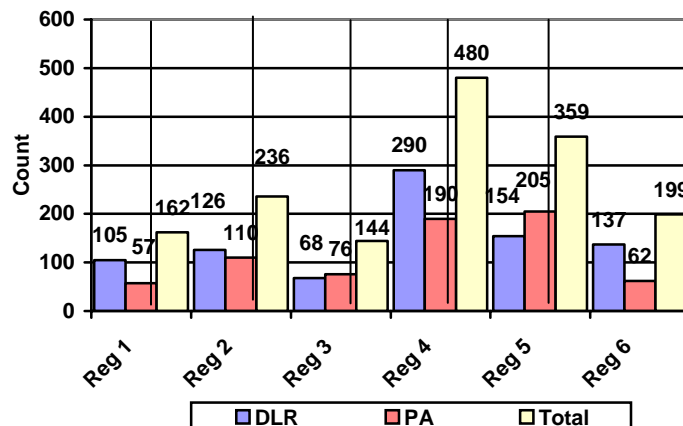
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Currently determined by ILS contractor reports. Future plans involve converting this measure to a CAMIS and SSPS payments-based count of the percent of eligible youth in out of home care receiving Independent Living Services, once all ILS payments are recorded in SSPS on a per-child basis rather than payments being made to providers using A-19's. This measure will then be tracked on a quarterly basis and provide regional breakouts.

SUPPORTING CLIENT OUTCOMES (ORGANIZATIONAL WELL BEING)

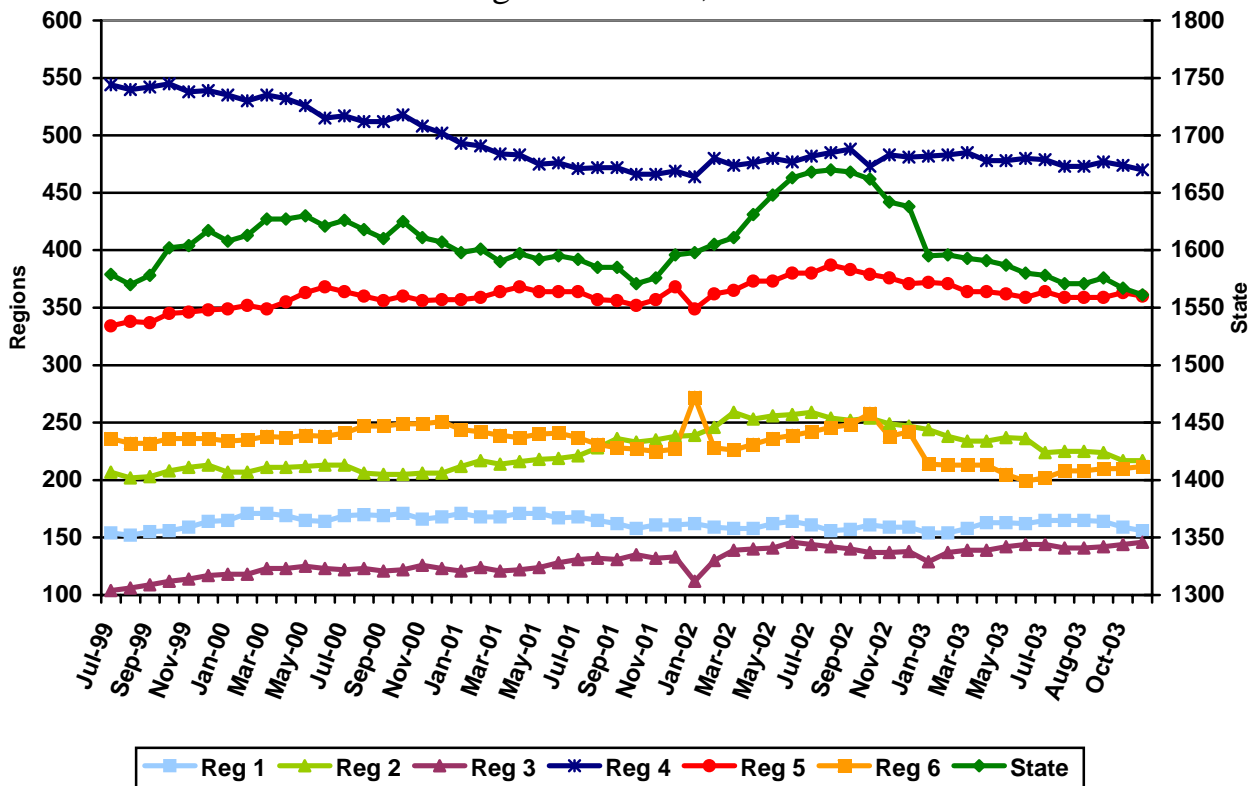
Number of minority foster homes available for out-of-home-care

Trend Analysis: The state performance agreement target is 1,623 total minority homes by July 2004. For the most recent reporting period, the state and all regions except regions 3, 5 and 6 showed a leveling off or slight decrease in the number of minority foster homes available. Currently there are 1,561 minority foster homes.

Regional Counts, End of FY 2003



State and Regional Trends, Total Homes

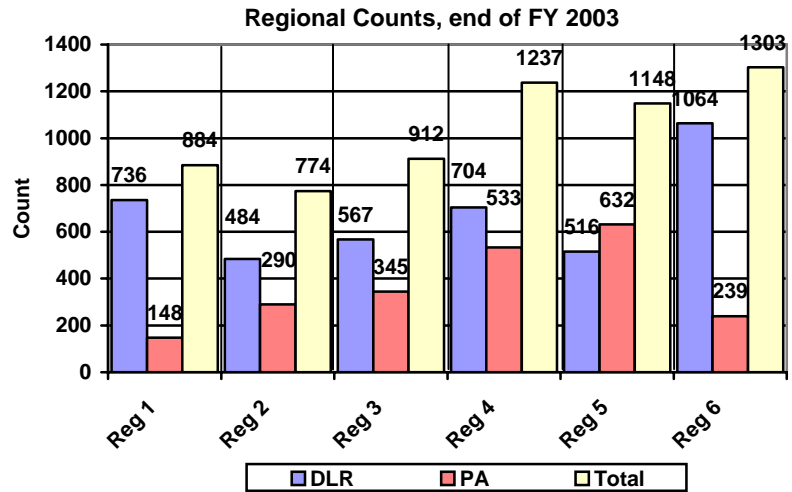


Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Number of DLR and private agency licensed minority foster homes available for out of home placement; homes with at least one minority caregiver. "Minority" defined as anyone except those labeled Caucasian only and not Hispanic (i.e., Caucasian Hispanics also included in "minority" category). Determined by CAMIS counts. The procedure for identifying minorities changed starting June 2000. **The trends for this measure were re-calculated in February 2002 following a data clean-up effort by the field.**

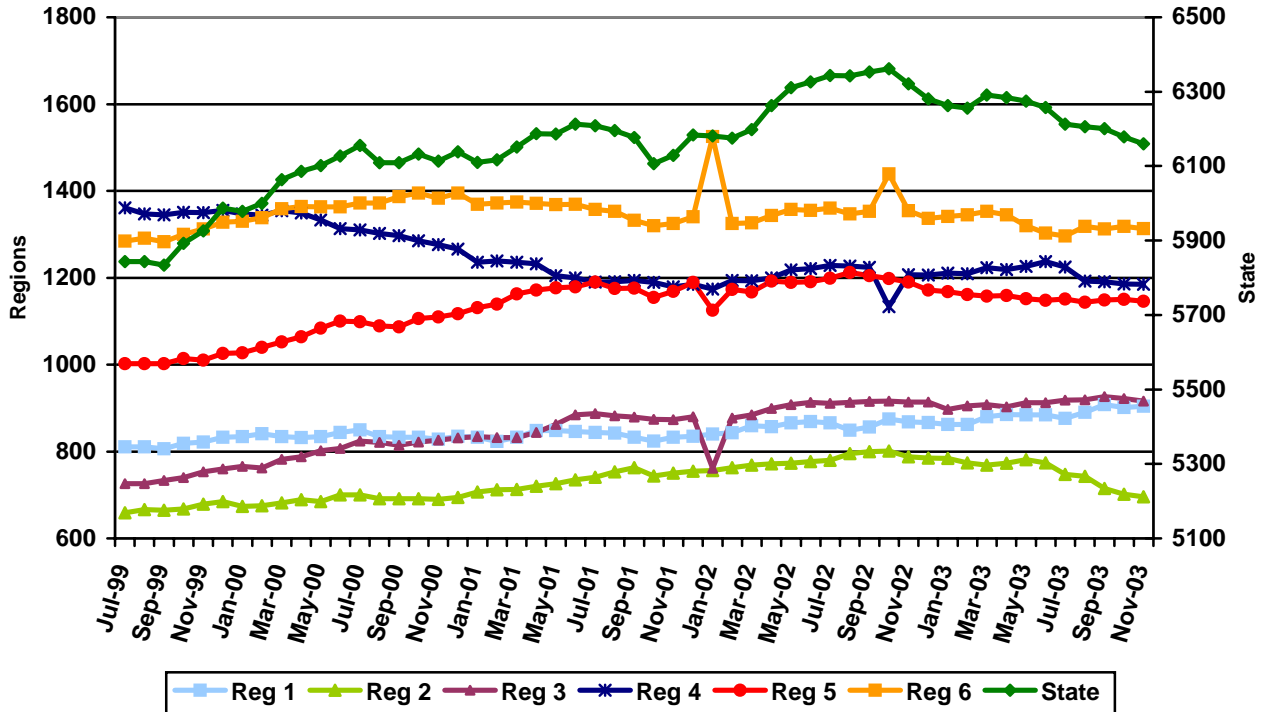
Supporting Client Outcomes (Organizational Well Being) Foster Home resources

CA Family Foster care and PA Family Foster Care Homes: Number of licensed foster homes

Trend Analysis: The statewide performance agreement target was (6,463 total homes, a 4% increase) available by July 2003. The actual state count as of year-end 2003 is 6,258. The state and all regions except region 1 showed leveling off or a decrease in the number of licensed foster homes. Currently there are 6,160 licensed foster homes.



State and Regional Trends, Total Homes



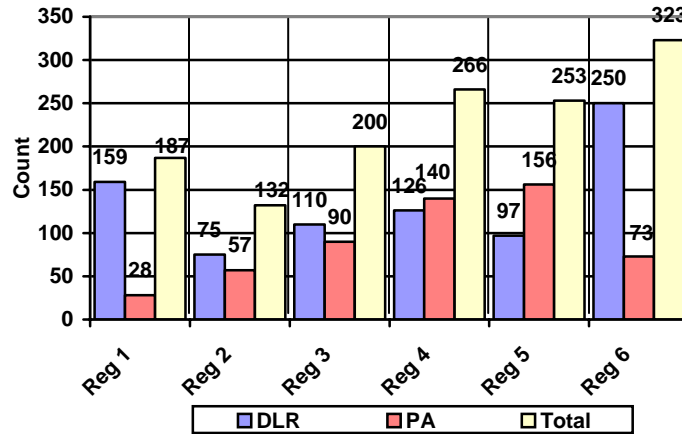
Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Number of DLR and private agency licensed foster homes available for out of home placement. Determined by CAMIS counts. The trends for this measure were re-calculated in February 2002 following a data clean-up effort by the field.

Supporting Client Outcomes (Organizational Well Being)

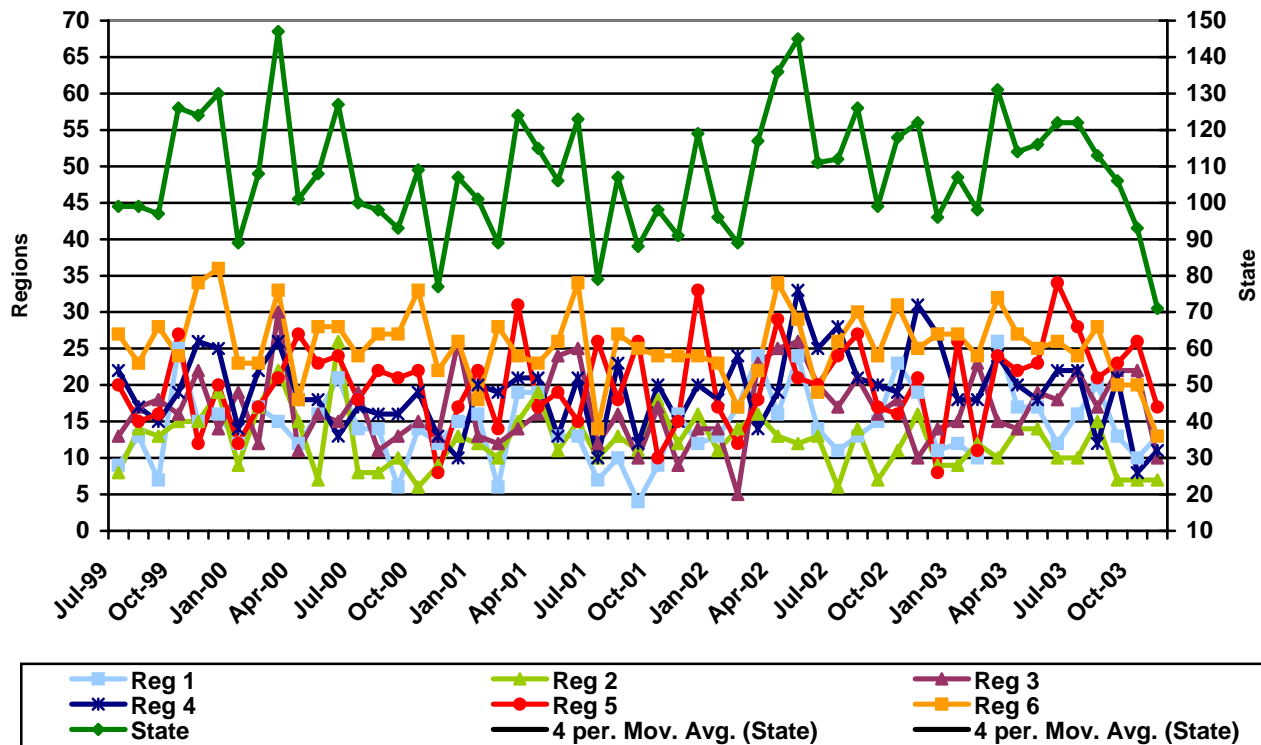
Number of newly licensed foster homes

Trend Analysis: The state performance agreement target is 1,440 new DLR and private agency homes recruited in FY 2004. For the most recent reporting period, 71 new homes were licensed and 672 new homes have been licensed since the beginning of the fiscal year. The state as a whole has shown a decrease for the fourth month in a row. Only regions 1 and 4 demonstrated increases in the number of new homes licensed for

Regional Totals, FY 2003



State and Regional Trends, Total Homes

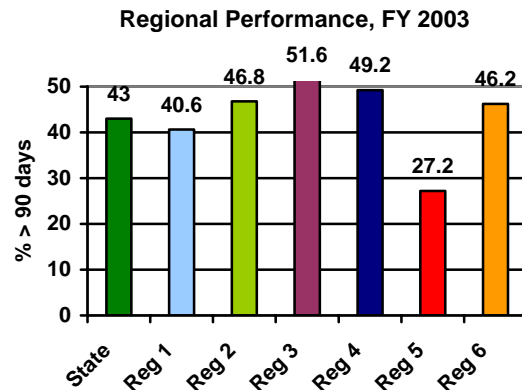


Supporting Client Outcomes (Organizational Well Being): Foster Care Licensing Applications

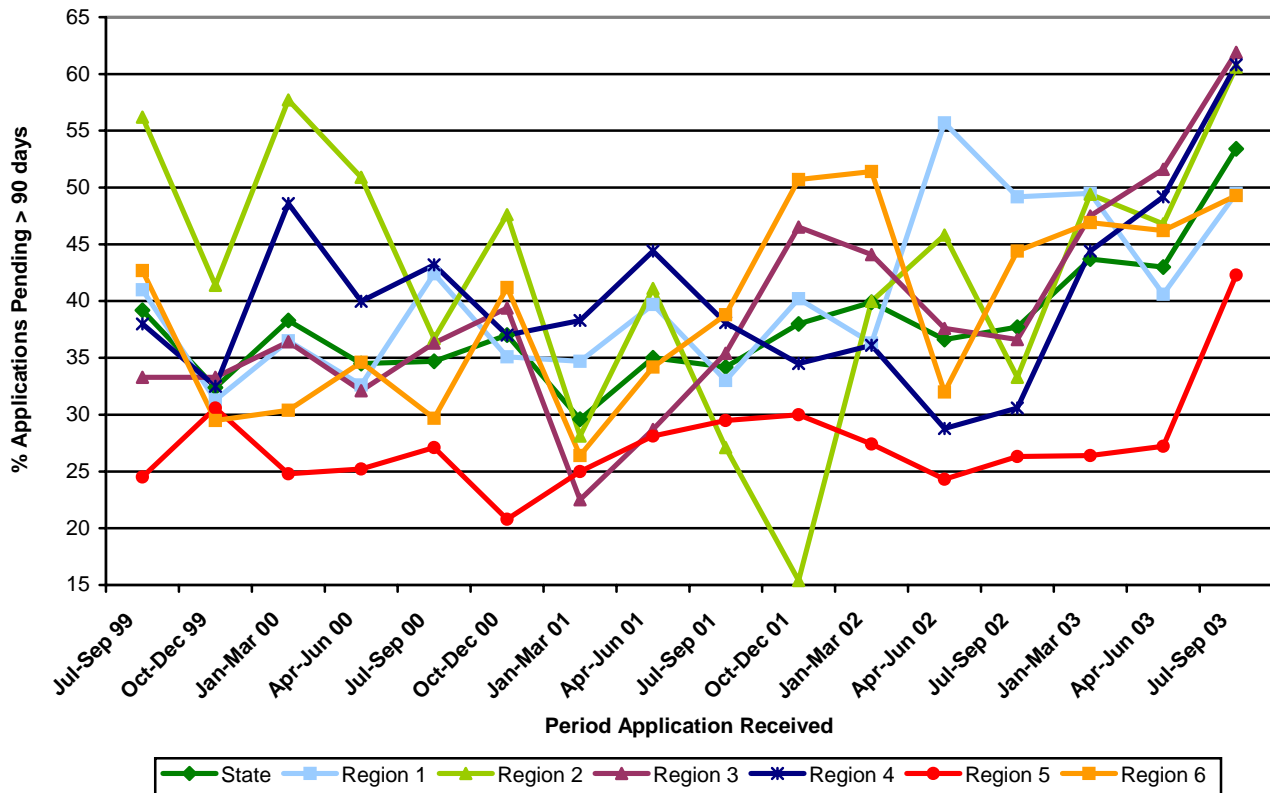
Delayed Foster Home Licensing Applications

Proportion of foster care licensing applications that took more than 90 days to complete

Trend Analysis: For the most recent reporting period, the state and all regions showed marked increases in the percent of foster home licensing applications taking more than 90 days to complete. The way this measure is calculated is currently under review in an effort to improve data integrity.



State & Regional Trends



Explanatory Notes and Calculation Details: Number of DLR foster care licensing applications pending more than 90 days: days between application received and result of license issued, denied, or withdrawn. **This measure is determined as of November 2001 by direct calculation from CAMIS licensing records. The trends were also re-calculated in February 2002 after a data cleanup effort by the field.**